

LABOUR FORCE

AUSTRALIA
PRELIMINARY

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APRIL KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

| | Mar 97 | Apr 97 | monthly change |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| Employed persons (no. in '000s) | 8 412.6 | 8 413.0 | 0.0 % |
| Unemployed persons (no. in '000s) | 801.8 | 804.3 | 0.3 % |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 8.7 | 8.7 | 0.0 pts |
| Participation rate (%) | 63.5 | 63.5 | -0.1 pts |

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| | Mar 97 | Apr 97 | monthly change |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| Employed persons (no. in '000s) | 8 384.0 | 8 421.1 | 37.1 |
| Unemployed persons (no. in '000s) | 803.0 | 802.3 | -0.7 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 8.7 | 8.7 | 0.0 pts |
| Participation rate (%) | 63.3 | 63.5 | 0.2 pts |

APRIL KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- was relatively steady at 8,413,000 in April 1997. Full-time employment continued to decline; part-time employment continued to rise steadily.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- continued to rise slowly to 804,300 in April 1997.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- has risen slightly in recent months but in rounded terms was steady at 8.7% in April 1997.

PARTICIPATION RATE

- fell by 0.1 points, but due to rounding stood at 63.5% in April 1997.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- rose by 37,100 to 8,421,100 in April 1997, with female full-time employment rising by 31,000 to 2,072,500.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- fell slightly to 802,300 in April 1997.

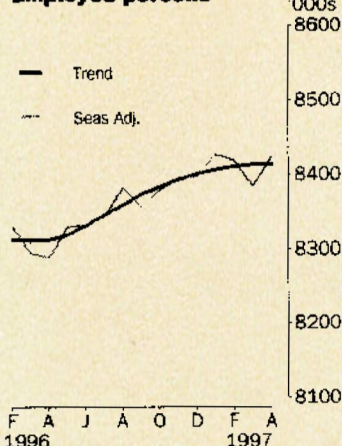
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- remained steady at 8.7%. The male rate fell to 8.9% and the female rate rose to 8.5%.
- NSW 8.1% (7.9% last month); Vic 9.1% (9.2%); Qld 9.5% (9.9%); SA 9.7% (9.5%); WA 7.4% (7.5%); Tas 10.8% (10.8%).

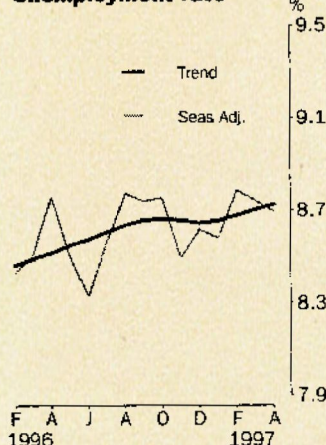
PARTICIPATION RATE

- rose by 0.2 percentage poi

Employed persons



Unemployment rate



INQUIRIES

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ROUNDING

Estimates of monthly change shown on page 1 have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates. The graphs on page 1 also depict movements calculated from unrounded estimates.

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SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 30 and 31.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval indicates that we are 95% confident that the upper and lower limits enclose the true value of the estimate.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA SERIES

MOVEMENTS

MARCH 1997 TO APRIL 1997

| | Monthly change | 95% Confidence interval | |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Total employment | 37 100 | -2 100 | to 76 300 |
| Total unemployment | - 700 | -17 300 | to 15 900 |
| Unemployment rate | 0.0 pts | -0.2 pts | to 0.2 pts |
| Participation rate | 0.2 pts | 0.0 pts | to 0.4 pts |

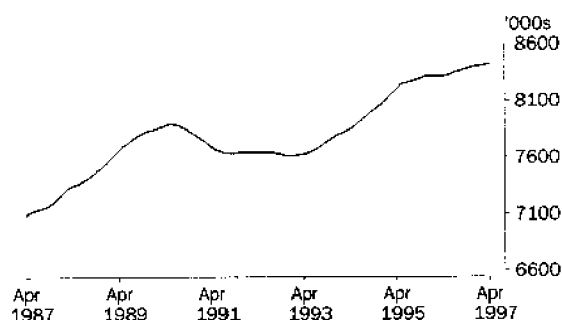
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PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES: Trend estimates

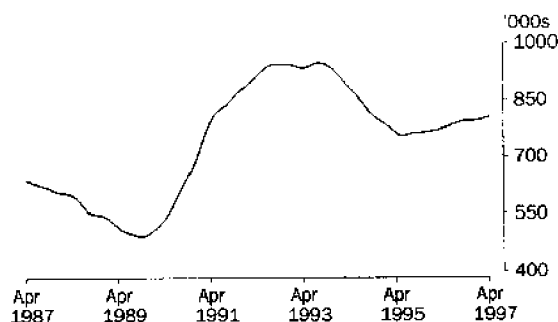
EMPLOYED PERSONS

From a low of 7,616,200 in January 1993, the trend estimate for employed persons increased steadily until mid 1995, then more slowly. Following a short period of decline in early 1996, the trend estimate continued to rise, to 8,413,000 in April 1997.



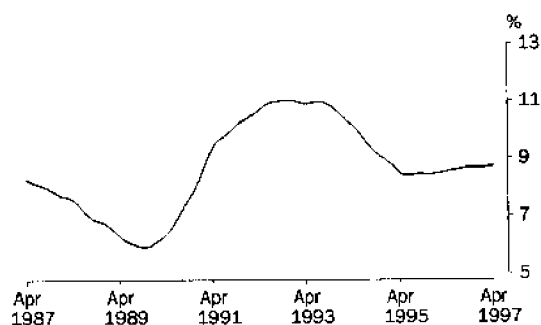
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of unemployment peaked at 947,800 in September 1993, before falling rapidly to 755,400 in June 1995. Since then, the trend has been rising slowly, and reached 804,300 in April 1997.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

From a high of 11.0% for much of 1992 and 1993, the trend unemployment rate fell rapidly to a low of 8.4% in May 1995. The trend then rose slowly to 8.7% in September 1996. The rate has remained relatively steady since and also stood at 8.7%, in April 1997.

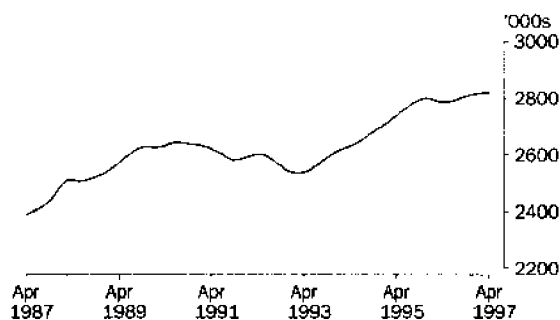


STATES: Trend estimates

EMPLOYED PERSONS

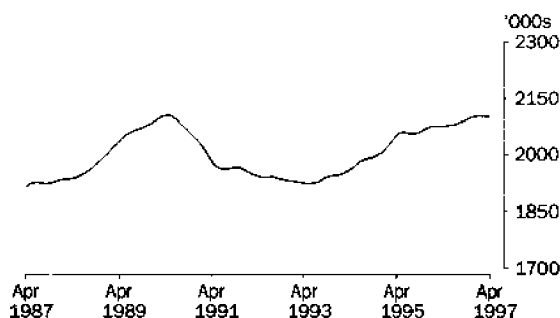
NEW SOUTH WALES

From a low of 2,537,000 in February 1993, trend estimates of employment for New South Wales increased steadily to reach 2,798,200 in December 1995. The trend estimate then fell slightly over the next four months, before resuming its rise, to reach 2,819,200 in April 1997.



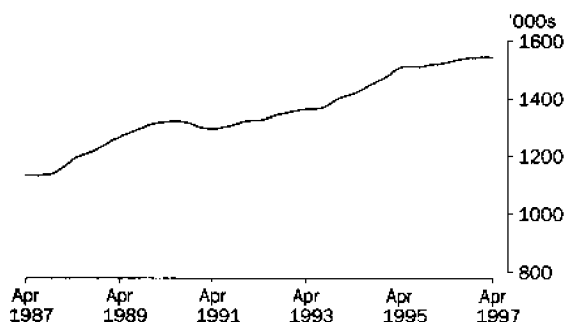
VICTORIA

The trend estimate of employment for Victoria peaked at 2,104,600 in May 1990, before falling by almost 9% to a low of 1,921,800 in June 1993. Subsequently the trend estimate increased, rapidly at first, then more slowly until January 1997. Over the past few months, the trend estimate has fallen slightly and stood at 2,099,500 in April 1997.



QUEENSLAND

Over the past 10 years, the trend estimate of employment in Queensland has increased by 36.5%, from 1,131,600 in April 1987. The increase in employment was relatively strong between late 1993 and mid 1995, but has slowed more recently. In April 1997, the trend estimate was 1,545,000.

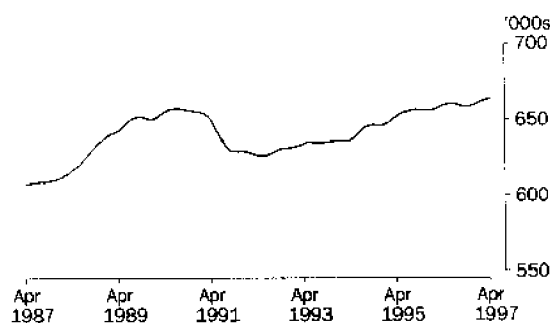


STATES: Trend estimates

EMPLOYED PERSONS

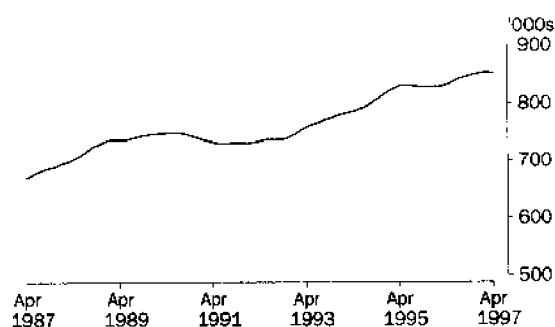
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Trend employment in South Australia peaked at 657,400 in July 1990 before falling, very sharply at first, to 625,900 in May 1992. Apart from some short periods of decline, trend estimates have risen slowly since then, and reached 663,600 in April 1997.



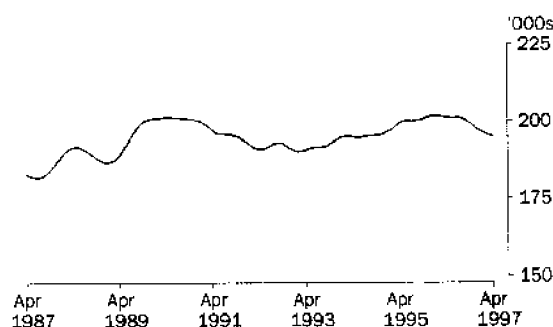
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The trend estimate of employment in Western Australia fell to 730,000 in mid 1991, and remained relatively steady for the next year, before starting to rise. The trend peaked at 831,700 in June 1995, then fell until February 1996. The trend rose, to 852,100 in April 1997, with growth slowing in recent months.



TASMANIA

From a low of 190,200 in February 1993, the trend estimate of employment in Tasmania rose to reach 201,800 in early 1996. Since then, the trend estimate has fallen, to 195,000 in April 1997.



LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Original (a)

| Month | EMPLOYED..... | | | UNEMPLOYED..... | | | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 and over | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Employed full time | Employed part time | Total employed | Unemp. looking for f/t work | Unemp. looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | | | | | |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 4 223.2 | 502.7 | 4 725.9 | 437.4 | 54.6 | 492.0 | 5 217.9 | 1 803.2 | 7 021.2 | 9.4 | 74.3 |
| March | 4 180.6 | 534.4 | 4 715.0 | 410.6 | 63.5 | 474.1 | 5 189.1 | 1 841.7 | 7 030.8 | 9.1 | 73.8 |
| April | 4 187.4 | 535.4 | 4 722.9 | 405.1 | 57.7 | 462.8 | 5 185.7 | 1 855.2 | 7 040.9 | 8.9 | 73.7 |
| May | 4 210.3 | 537.6 | 4 748.0 | 389.6 | 52.4 | 442.0 | 5 190.0 | 1 861.0 | 7 051.0 | 8.5 | 73.6 |
| June | 4 201.3 | 550.4 | 4 751.6 | 380.3 | 51.9 | 432.1 | 5 183.8 | 1 877.4 | 7 061.1 | 8.3 | 73.4 |
| July | 4 237.1 | 535.5 | 4 772.6 | 371.7 | 50.4 | 422.1 | 5 194.7 | 1 876.2 | 7 070.9 | 8.1 | 73.5 |
| August | 4 176.4 | 553.9 | 4 730.3 | 406.1 | 54.1 | 460.2 | 5 190.5 | 1 890.2 | 7 080.7 | 8.9 | 73.3 |
| September | 4 212.9 | 565.4 | 4 778.3 | 408.4 | 57.3 | 465.8 | 5 244.0 | 1 846.4 | 7 090.5 | 8.9 | 74.0 |
| October | 4 215.3 | 549.5 | 4 764.8 | 387.3 | 58.9 | 446.3 | 5 211.1 | 1 888.2 | 7 099.3 | 8.6 | 73.4 |
| November | 4 208.9 | 548.4 | 4 757.3 | 385.2 | 49.2 | 434.4 | 5 191.7 | 1 916.4 | 7 108.1 | 8.4 | 73.0 |
| December | 4 277.6 | 545.2 | 4 822.8 | 397.1 | 65.0 | 462.1 | 5 284.9 | 1 832.0 | 7 116.9 | 8.7 | 74.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4 221.2 | 531.2 | 4 752.4 | 435.0 | 65.3 | 500.3 | 5 252.6 | 1 871.5 | 7 124.2 | 9.5 | 73.7 |
| February | 4 210.6 | 527.3 | 4 737.9 | 451.7 | 61.9 | 513.6 | 5 251.4 | 1 880.0 | 7 131.4 | 9.8 | 73.6 |
| March | 4 186.6 | 568.9 | 4 755.6 | 418.4 | 69.5 | 487.9 | 5 243.5 | 1 895.2 | 7 138.7 | 9.3 | 73.5 |
| April | 4 189.4 | 578.1 | 4 767.5 | 396.9 | 63.3 | 460.2 | 5 227.7 | 1 919.5 | 7 147.1 | 8.8 | 73.1 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 2 049.1 | 1 489.3 | 3 538.4 | 248.5 | 116.1 | 364.6 | 3 903.0 | 3 336.9 | 7 239.9 | 9.3 | 53.9 |
| March | 2 057.2 | 1 530.5 | 3 587.7 | 219.3 | 117.5 | 336.9 | 3 924.5 | 3 325.1 | 7 249.7 | 8.6 | 54.1 |
| April | 2 042.8 | 1 512.1 | 3 555.0 | 217.7 | 112.4 | 330.1 | 3 885.1 | 3 375.2 | 7 260.2 | 8.5 | 53.5 |
| May | 2 042.2 | 1 546.9 | 3 589.1 | 207.7 | 108.5 | 316.1 | 3 905.2 | 3 365.5 | 7 270.8 | 8.1 | 53.7 |
| June | 2 042.2 | 1 560.2 | 3 602.4 | 194.9 | 103.5 | 298.4 | 3 900.9 | 3 380.5 | 7 281.4 | 7.7 | 53.6 |
| July | 2 092.0 | 1 515.4 | 3 607.3 | 207.8 | 101.7 | 309.5 | 3 916.8 | 3 375.7 | 7 292.5 | 7.9 | 53.7 |
| August | 2 059.8 | 1 529.6 | 3 589.4 | 210.1 | 100.9 | 310.9 | 3 900.3 | 3 403.3 | 7 303.6 | 8.0 | 53.4 |
| September | 2 087.4 | 1 564.0 | 3 651.3 | 220.6 | 113.9 | 334.5 | 3 985.8 | 3 328.9 | 7 314.8 | 8.4 | 54.5 |
| October | 2 089.2 | 1 538.5 | 3 627.7 | 211.1 | 107.5 | 318.6 | 3 946.3 | 3 378.2 | 7 324.5 | 8.1 | 53.9 |
| November | 2 075.0 | 1 560.2 | 3 635.2 | 204.5 | 98.4 | 302.9 | 3 938.0 | 3 396.3 | 7 334.3 | 7.7 | 53.7 |
| December | 2 122.5 | 1 551.2 | 3 673.7 | 231.1 | 112.4 | 343.5 | 4 017.2 | 3 326.8 | 7 344.1 | 8.6 | 54.7 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 071.8 | 1 472.1 | 3 543.9 | 251.2 | 102.3 | 353.5 | 3 897.5 | 3 454.5 | 7 352.0 | 9.1 | 53.0 |
| February | 2 067.3 | 1 544.8 | 3 612.1 | 262.8 | 129.8 | 392.5 | 4 004.6 | 3 355.3 | 7 359.9 | 9.8 | 54.4 |
| March | 2 044.9 | 1 592.8 | 3 637.7 | 234.8 | 122.7 | 357.4 | 3 995.2 | 3 372.6 | 7 367.8 | 8.9 | 54.2 |
| April | 2 054.1 | 1 589.6 | 3 643.7 | 230.6 | 108.8 | 339.4 | 3 983.1 | 3 393.4 | 7 376.5 | 8.5 | 54.0 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 6 272.3 | 1 992.0 | 8 264.3 | 686.0 | 170.7 | 856.6 | 9 120.9 | 5 140.1 | 14 261.0 | 9.4 | 64.0 |
| March | 6 237.7 | 2 064.9 | 8 302.7 | 629.9 | 181.0 | 810.9 | 9 113.6 | 5 166.8 | 14 280.5 | 8.9 | 63.8 |
| April | 6 230.3 | 2 047.6 | 8 277.8 | 622.8 | 170.2 | 793.0 | 9 070.8 | 5 230.4 | 14 301.1 | 8.7 | 63.4 |
| May | 6 252.5 | 2 084.5 | 8 337.1 | 597.3 | 160.9 | 758.2 | 9 095.2 | 5 226.6 | 14 321.8 | 8.3 | 63.5 |
| June | 6 243.5 | 2 110.6 | 8 354.1 | 575.2 | 155.4 | 730.5 | 9 084.6 | 5 257.9 | 14 342.5 | 8.0 | 63.3 |
| July | 6 329.0 | 2 050.9 | 8 379.9 | 579.5 | 152.1 | 731.6 | 9 111.5 | 5 251.9 | 14 363.4 | 8.0 | 63.4 |
| August | 6 236.2 | 2 083.5 | 8 319.7 | 616.1 | 155.0 | 771.1 | 9 090.8 | 5 293.5 | 14 384.3 | 8.5 | 63.2 |
| September | 6 300.3 | 2 129.3 | 8 429.6 | 629.0 | 171.2 | 800.2 | 9 229.8 | 5 175.4 | 14 405.2 | 8.7 | 64.1 |
| October | 6 304.5 | 2 088.0 | 8 392.5 | 598.4 | 166.4 | 764.9 | 9 157.4 | 5 266.4 | 14 423.8 | 8.4 | 63.5 |
| November | 6 283.9 | 2 108.6 | 8 392.5 | 589.7 | 147.6 | 737.2 | 9 129.7 | 5 312.7 | 14 442.4 | 8.1 | 63.2 |
| December | 6 400.1 | 2 096.4 | 8 496.5 | 628.2 | 177.4 | 805.7 | 9 302.2 | 5 158.8 | 14 461.0 | 8.7 | 64.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 293.0 | 2 003.3 | 8 296.3 | 686.2 | 167.6 | 853.8 | 9 150.1 | 5 326.0 | 14 476.2 | 9.3 | 63.2 |
| February | 6 277.9 | 2 072.0 | 8 349.9 | 714.5 | 191.6 | 906.1 | 9 256.1 | 5 235.2 | 14 491.3 | 9.8 | 63.9 |
| March | 6 231.5 | 2 161.8 | 8 393.3 | 653.2 | 192.2 | 845.4 | 9 238.7 | 5 267.8 | 14 506.5 | 9.2 | 63.7 |
| April | 6 243.5 | 2 167.6 | 8 411.2 | 627.5 | 172.2 | 799.6 | 9 210.8 | 5 312.8 | 14 523.6 | 8.7 | 63.4 |

(a) Estimates for employment for the period August 1996 to January 1997 are affected by the implementation of telephone interviewing. See Explanatory Notes 3 and 4.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Seasonally adjusted(a)

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

| Month | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | Labour force | Unemp- loyment rate | Partic- ipation rate |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Employed part time | Total employed | Unemp. looking for f/t work | Unemp. looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | | | |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 4 217.8 | 523.4 | 4 741.2 | 402.4 | 49.5 | 452.0 | 5 193.2 | 8.7 | 74.0 |
| March | 4 198.4 | 523.0 | 4 721.3 | 405.4 | 54.1 | 459.5 | 5 180.9 | 8.9 | 73.7 |
| April | 4 200.3 | 527.9 | 4 728.2 | 409.7 | 57.1 | 466.8 | 5 195.0 | 9.0 | 73.8 |
| May | 4 215.6 | 535.9 | 4 751.5 | 391.3 | 53.9 | 445.2 | 5 196.7 | 8.6 | 73.7 |
| June | 4 204.9 | 543.4 | 4 748.3 | 387.0 | 56.6 | 443.6 | 5 191.9 | 8.5 | 73.5 |
| July | 4 215.0 | 537.3 | 4 752.3 | 395.0 | 56.2 | 451.3 | 5 203.6 | 8.7 | 73.6 |
| August | 4 213.8 | 546.2 | 4 760.0 | 414.8 | 59.8 | 474.6 | 5 234.7 | 9.1 | 73.9 |
| September | 4 205.6 | 547.0 | 4 752.6 | 412.5 | 55.7 | 468.2 | 5 220.8 | 9.0 | 73.6 |
| October | 4 210.5 | 545.3 | 4 755.8 | 409.8 | 61.7 | 471.5 | 5 227.3 | 9.0 | 73.6 |
| November | 4 219.6 | 554.8 | 4 774.5 | 399.6 | 57.3 | 456.9 | 5 231.4 | 8.7 | 73.6 |
| December | 4 218.2 | 550.4 | 4 768.6 | 393.2 | 61.6 | 454.8 | 5 223.4 | 8.7 | 73.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4 232.4 | 555.1 | 4 787.5 | 393.5 | 58.2 | 451.7 | 5 239.2 | 8.6 | 73.5 |
| February | 4 205.2 | 549.2 | 4 754.4 | 415.3 | 56.2 | 471.5 | 5 225.9 | 9.0 | 73.3 |
| March | 4 204.8 | 557.0 | 4 761.8 | 413.2 | 59.3 | 472.5 | 5 234.3 | 9.0 | 73.3 |
| April | 4 202.3 | 569.8 | 4 772.1 | 401.5 | 62.7 | 464.2 | 5 236.3 | 8.9 | 73.3 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 2 053.2 | 1 534.6 | 3 587.7 | 214.5 | 100.4 | 314.9 | 3 902.6 | 8.1 | 53.9 |
| March | 2 054.0 | 1 518.6 | 3 572.6 | 210.0 | 101.3 | 311.3 | 3 883.9 | 8.0 | 53.6 |
| April | 2 061.4 | 1 499.6 | 3 561.0 | 218.4 | 110.5 | 329.0 | 3 889.9 | 8.5 | 53.6 |
| May | 2 053.7 | 1 523.8 | 3 577.4 | 216.5 | 113.0 | 329.4 | 3 906.9 | 8.4 | 53.7 |
| June | 2 052.2 | 1 531.1 | 3 583.3 | 202.3 | 111.3 | 313.6 | 3 896.9 | 8.0 | 53.5 |
| July | 2 077.9 | 1 511.9 | 3 589.8 | 218.0 | 111.2 | 329.2 | 3 919.0 | 8.4 | 53.7 |
| August | 2 095.2 | 1 526.3 | 3 621.5 | 221.5 | 109.9 | 331.4 | 3 953.0 | 8.4 | 54.1 |
| September | 2 079.3 | 1 524.1 | 3 603.4 | 225.3 | 106.7 | 332.0 | 3 935.4 | 8.4 | 53.8 |
| October | 2 081.3 | 1 540.8 | 3 622.1 | 222.5 | 109.6 | 332.1 | 3 954.2 | 8.4 | 54.0 |
| November | 2 074.8 | 1 544.3 | 3 619.2 | 219.2 | 103.2 | 322.4 | 3 941.6 | 8.2 | 53.7 |
| December | 2 080.5 | 1 547.6 | 3 628.1 | 224.8 | 112.3 | 337.1 | 3 965.2 | 8.5 | 54.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 068.5 | 1 569.0 | 3 637.5 | 230.7 | 108.5 | 339.2 | 3 976.7 | 8.5 | 54.1 |
| February | 2 071.6 | 1 591.9 | 3 663.5 | 227.1 | 112.2 | 339.2 | 4 002.8 | 8.5 | 54.4 |
| March | 2 041.5 | 1 580.7 | 3 622.2 | 224.5 | 106.0 | 330.5 | 3 952.7 | 8.4 | 53.6 |
| April | 2 072.5 | 1 576.6 | 3 649.0 | 231.3 | 106.9 | 338.2 | 3 987.2 | 8.5 | 54.1 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 6 270.9 | 2 058.0 | 8 328.9 | 616.9 | 149.9 | 766.9 | 9 095.8 | 8.4 | 63.8 |
| March | 6 252.4 | 2 041.6 | 8 294.0 | 615.4 | 155.4 | 770.8 | 9 064.8 | 8.5 | 63.5 |
| April | 6 261.7 | 2 027.5 | 8 289.2 | 628.1 | 167.6 | 795.8 | 9 084.9 | 8.8 | 63.5 |
| May | 6 269.3 | 2 059.6 | 8 328.9 | 607.8 | 166.9 | 774.6 | 9 103.6 | 8.5 | 63.6 |
| June | 6 257.2 | 2 074.5 | 8 331.6 | 589.2 | 167.9 | 757.1 | 9 088.8 | 8.3 | 63.4 |
| July | 6 292.9 | 2 049.2 | 8 342.1 | 613.0 | 167.4 | 780.5 | 9 122.6 | 8.6 | 63.5 |
| August | 6 309.1 | 2 072.5 | 8 381.6 | 636.3 | 169.8 | 806.1 | 9 187.6 | 8.8 | 63.9 |
| September | 6 284.9 | 2 071.1 | 8 356.0 | 637.8 | 162.4 | 800.3 | 9 156.3 | 8.7 | 63.6 |
| October | 6 291.8 | 2 086.1 | 8 377.9 | 632.4 | 171.3 | 803.6 | 9 181.5 | 8.8 | 63.7 |
| November | 6 294.5 | 2 099.2 | 8 393.6 | 618.8 | 160.5 | 779.3 | 9 172.9 | 8.5 | 63.5 |
| December | 6 298.7 | 2 098.0 | 8 396.7 | 618.0 | 173.9 | 791.9 | 9 188.6 | 8.6 | 63.5 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 300.9 | 2 124.1 | 8 425.1 | 624.2 | 166.7 | 790.9 | 9 215.9 | 8.6 | 63.7 |
| February | 6 276.8 | 2 141.1 | 8 417.9 | 642.4 | 168.4 | 810.8 | 9 228.7 | 8.8 | 63.7 |
| March | 6 246.4 | 2 137.7 | 8 384.0 | 637.7 | 165.3 | 803.0 | 9 187.0 | 8.7 | 63.3 |
| April | 6 274.8 | 2 146.4 | 8 421.1 | 632.8 | 169.5 | 802.3 | 9 223.5 | 8.7 | 63.5 |

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Trend(a)(b)

| Month | EMPLOYED..... | | | UNEMPLOYED..... | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Employed part time | Total employed | Unemp. looking for f/t work | Unemp. looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Labour force | Unemp- loyment rate | Partic- ipation rate |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 4 210.5 | 519.6 | 4 730.2 | 403.1 | 51.6 | 454.7 | 5 184.9 | 8.8 | 73.8 |
| March | 4 210.1 | 523.2 | 4 733.3 | 401.1 | 53.0 | 454.0 | 5 187.3 | 8.8 | 73.8 |
| April | 4 208.8 | 528.2 | 4 737.1 | 399.2 | 54.4 | 453.6 | 5 190.7 | 8.7 | 73.7 |
| May | 4 207.8 | 533.8 | 4 741.7 | 398.2 | 55.6 | 453.8 | 5 195.4 | 8.7 | 73.7 |
| June | 4 208.4 | 538.7 | 4 747.1 | 398.8 | 56.5 | 455.3 | 5 202.4 | 8.8 | 73.7 |
| July | 4 209.5 | 542.0 | 4 751.5 | 401.2 | 57.2 | 458.3 | 5 209.8 | 8.8 | 73.7 |
| August | 4 211.0 | 544.6 | 4 755.6 | 403.8 | 57.9 | 461.7 | 5 217.3 | 8.8 | 73.7 |
| September | 4 213.0 | 546.9 | 4 759.9 | 405.1 | 58.5 | 463.7 | 5 223.6 | 8.9 | 73.7 |
| October | 4 215.1 | 548.5 | 4 763.6 | 405.0 | 59.0 | 464.0 | 5 227.6 | 8.9 | 73.6 |
| November | 4 217.0 | 549.9 | 4 766.9 | 403.7 | 59.0 | 462.8 | 5 229.6 | 8.8 | 73.6 |
| December | 4 217.5 | 551.5 | 4 769.0 | 402.3 | 58.9 | 461.2 | 5 230.2 | 8.8 | 73.5 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4 216.2 | 553.4 | 4 769.6 | 402.3 | 58.9 | 461.3 | 5 230.9 | 8.8 | 73.4 |
| February | 4 213.3 | 555.9 | 4 769.2 | 403.8 | 59.1 | 462.9 | 5 232.1 | 8.8 | 73.4 |
| March | 4 209.9 | 558.6 | 4 768.5 | 405.6 | 59.5 | 465.1 | 5 233.5 | 8.9 | 73.3 |
| April | 4 205.9 | 561.4 | 4 767.3 | 407.3 | 59.8 | 467.0 | 5 234.3 | 8.9 | 73.2 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 2 056.7 | 1 526.2 | 3 582.8 | 212.7 | 101.1 | 313.8 | 3 896.7 | 8.1 | 53.8 |
| March | 2 054.9 | 1 522.6 | 3 577.5 | 212.1 | 104.8 | 316.9 | 3 894.4 | 8.1 | 53.7 |
| April | 2 055.6 | 1 518.9 | 3 574.6 | 212.2 | 108.0 | 320.2 | 3 894.7 | 8.2 | 53.6 |
| May | 2 059.6 | 1 517.2 | 3 576.8 | 213.2 | 110.4 | 323.6 | 3 900.4 | 8.3 | 53.6 |
| June | 2 066.0 | 1 518.1 | 3 584.1 | 214.7 | 111.3 | 326.0 | 3 910.1 | 8.3 | 53.7 |
| July | 2 073.0 | 1 520.7 | 3 593.7 | 216.4 | 110.9 | 327.3 | 3 921.0 | 8.3 | 53.8 |
| August | 2 078.8 | 1 524.2 | 3 603.0 | 218.5 | 109.8 | 328.3 | 3 931.4 | 8.4 | 53.8 |
| September | 2 082.5 | 1 529.1 | 3 611.7 | 220.8 | 108.7 | 329.5 | 3 941.2 | 8.4 | 53.9 |
| October | 2 082.8 | 1 536.3 | 3 619.1 | 222.9 | 108.1 | 331.0 | 3 950.1 | 8.4 | 53.9 |
| November | 2 079.5 | 1 545.9 | 3 625.4 | 224.3 | 108.3 | 332.6 | 3 958.0 | 8.4 | 54.0 |
| December | 2 074.3 | 1 556.9 | 3 631.1 | 225.1 | 108.6 | 333.7 | 3 964.8 | 8.4 | 54.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 069.5 | 1 566.7 | 3 636.2 | 226.0 | 108.9 | 334.9 | 3 971.1 | 8.4 | 54.0 |
| February | 2 065.6 | 1 575.0 | 3 640.6 | 227.2 | 108.8 | 336.0 | 3 976.6 | 8.4 | 54.0 |
| March | 2 062.5 | 1 581.6 | 3 644.1 | 228.2 | 108.6 | 336.8 | 3 980.9 | 8.5 | 54.0 |
| April | 2 060.0 | 1 585.7 | 3 645.7 | 229.2 | 108.1 | 337.3 | 3 983.0 | 8.5 | 54.0 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 6 267.2 | 2 045.8 | 8 313.0 | 615.8 | 152.7 | 768.5 | 9 081.5 | 8.5 | 63.7 |
| March | 6 265.0 | 2 045.8 | 8 310.8 | 613.2 | 157.7 | 770.9 | 9 081.7 | 8.5 | 63.6 |
| April | 6 264.5 | 2 047.1 | 8 311.6 | 611.3 | 162.4 | 773.8 | 9 085.4 | 8.5 | 63.5 |
| May | 6 267.5 | 2 051.0 | 8 318.5 | 611.4 | 166.0 | 777.3 | 9 095.8 | 8.5 | 63.5 |
| June | 6 274.4 | 2 056.8 | 8 331.2 | 613.5 | 167.7 | 781.3 | 9 112.5 | 8.6 | 63.5 |
| July | 6 282.5 | 2 062.7 | 8 345.2 | 617.6 | 168.0 | 785.6 | 9 130.8 | 8.6 | 63.6 |
| August | 6 289.8 | 2 068.8 | 8 358.6 | 622.3 | 167.8 | 790.0 | 9 148.6 | 8.6 | 63.6 |
| September | 6 295.5 | 2 076.0 | 8 371.5 | 626.0 | 167.2 | 793.2 | 9 164.7 | 8.7 | 63.6 |
| October | 6 297.9 | 2 084.8 | 8 382.7 | 627.9 | 167.1 | 795.0 | 9 177.7 | 8.7 | 63.6 |
| November | 6 296.5 | 2 095.8 | 8 392.3 | 628.0 | 167.3 | 795.3 | 9 187.6 | 8.7 | 63.6 |
| December | 6 291.7 | 2 108.4 | 8 400.1 | 627.4 | 167.5 | 794.9 | 9 195.1 | 8.6 | 63.6 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 285.6 | 2 120.2 | 8 405.8 | 628.4 | 167.8 | 796.2 | 9 202.0 | 8.7 | 63.6 |
| February | 6 278.9 | 2 130.9 | 8 409.8 | 631.0 | 167.9 | 798.9 | 9 208.7 | 8.7 | 63.5 |
| March | 6 272.4 | 2 140.2 | 8 412.6 | 633.8 | 168.1 | 801.8 | 9 214.4 | 8.7 | 63.5 |
| April | 6 265.9 | 2 147.0 | 8 413.0 | 636.5 | 167.8 | 804.3 | 9 217.3 | 8.7 | 63.5 |

(a) Estimates for October 1996 to March 1997 have been revised.

(b) Estimates for employment from February 1996 have been affected by the implementation of telephone interviewing over the period August 1996 to February 1997. See Explanatory Notes 3, 4 and 15.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Original

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE..... | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work '000s | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work '000s | Total looking for f/t work '000s | Looking for p/t work '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work % | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work % | Total looking for f/t work % | Looking for p/t work % | Total unemployed % | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work % | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 58.4 | 379.0 | 437.4 | 54.6 | 492.0 | 26.5 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 6.0 |
| March | 53.7 | 356.8 | 410.6 | 63.5 | 474.1 | 25.5 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 5.6 |
| April | 55.0 | 350.1 | 405.1 | 57.7 | 462.8 | 25.7 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 5.5 |
| May | 55.5 | 334.2 | 389.6 | 52.4 | 442.0 | 27.4 | 7.6 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 5.2 |
| June | 55.8 | 324.5 | 380.3 | 51.9 | 432.1 | 28.0 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 5.1 |
| July | 46.6 | 325.1 | 371.7 | 50.4 | 422.1 | 22.8 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 7.1 | 5.1 |
| August | 49.3 | 356.8 | 406.1 | 54.1 | 460.2 | 25.4 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 7.5 | 5.6 |
| September | 48.7 | 359.7 | 408.4 | 57.3 | 465.8 | 24.6 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 7.4 | 5.6 |
| October | 49.7 | 337.7 | 387.3 | 58.9 | 446.3 | 25.0 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 5.2 |
| November | 50.6 | 334.5 | 385.2 | 49.2 | 434.4 | 26.4 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 5.2 |
| December | 67.3 | 329.8 | 397.1 | 65.0 | 462.1 | 29.3 | 7.4 | 8.5 | 10.7 | 8.7 | 10.3 | 5.1 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 60.5 | 374.5 | 435.0 | 65.3 | 500.3 | 26.7 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 10.9 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 5.8 |
| February | 62.6 | 389.1 | 451.7 | 61.9 | 513.6 | 29.1 | 8.7 | 9.7 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 9.5 | 6.0 |
| March | 55.2 | 363.2 | 418.4 | 69.5 | 487.9 | 28.4 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 10.9 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 5.6 |
| April | 50.2 | 346.7 | 396.9 | 63.3 | 460.2 | 25.3 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 5.3 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 45.9 | 202.6 | 248.5 | 116.1 | 364.6 | 33.4 | 9.4 | 10.8 | 7.2 | 9.3 | 7.4 | 3.1 |
| March | 37.7 | 181.6 | 219.3 | 117.5 | 336.9 | 31.9 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 8.6 | 6.1 | 2.7 |
| April | 35.0 | 182.7 | 217.7 | 112.4 | 330.1 | 29.9 | 8.5 | 9.6 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 2.8 |
| May | 35.1 | 172.6 | 207.7 | 108.5 | 316.1 | 30.0 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 6.6 | 8.1 | 5.7 | 2.6 |
| June | 30.3 | 164.6 | 194.9 | 103.5 | 298.4 | 27.8 | 7.7 | 8.7 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 4.9 | 2.5 |
| July | 29.9 | 177.9 | 207.8 | 101.7 | 309.5 | 25.2 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 4.8 | 2.7 |
| August | 33.2 | 176.9 | 210.1 | 100.9 | 310.9 | 30.4 | 8.2 | 9.3 | 6.2 | 8.0 | 5.3 | 2.6 |
| September | 35.5 | 185.1 | 220.6 | 113.9 | 334.5 | 30.3 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 6.8 | 8.4 | 5.7 | 2.8 |
| October | 34.8 | 176.3 | 211.1 | 107.5 | 318.6 | 29.0 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 6.5 | 8.1 | 5.6 | 2.6 |
| November | 35.6 | 168.9 | 204.5 | 98.4 | 302.9 | 31.3 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 5.9 | 7.7 | 5.7 | 2.5 |
| December | 51.7 | 179.4 | 231.1 | 112.4 | 343.5 | 36.6 | 8.1 | 9.8 | 6.8 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 2.7 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 48.8 | 202.4 | 251.2 | 102.3 | 353.5 | 34.1 | 9.3 | 10.8 | 6.5 | 9.1 | 7.8 | 3.0 |
| February | 40.6 | 222.2 | 262.8 | 129.8 | 392.5 | 32.7 | 10.1 | 11.3 | 7.8 | 9.8 | 6.5 | 3.3 |
| March | 36.5 | 198.3 | 234.8 | 122.7 | 357.4 | 32.3 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 7.1 | 8.9 | 5.8 | 2.9 |
| April | 35.3 | 195.3 | 230.6 | 108.8 | 339.4 | 32.3 | 9.0 | 10.1 | 6.4 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 2.9 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 104.3 | 581.7 | 686.0 | 170.7 | 856.6 | 29.2 | 8.8 | 9.9 | 7.9 | 9.4 | 8.2 | 4.5 |
| March | 91.4 | 538.5 | 629.9 | 181.0 | 810.9 | 27.8 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 7.2 | 4.1 |
| April | 90.0 | 532.8 | 622.8 | 170.2 | 793.0 | 27.2 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 7.7 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 4.1 |
| May | 90.5 | 506.8 | 597.3 | 160.9 | 758.2 | 28.3 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 7.2 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 3.9 |
| June | 86.1 | 489.1 | 575.2 | 155.4 | 730.5 | 27.9 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 6.8 | 3.7 |
| July | 76.5 | 503.0 | 579.5 | 152.1 | 731.6 | 23.7 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 3.8 |
| August | 82.5 | 533.7 | 616.1 | 155.0 | 771.1 | 27.2 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 6.5 | 4.1 |
| September | 84.2 | 544.8 | 629.0 | 171.2 | 800.2 | 26.7 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 4.2 |
| October | 84.4 | 514.0 | 598.4 | 166.4 | 764.9 | 26.5 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 7.4 | 8.4 | 6.6 | 3.9 |
| November | 86.3 | 503.4 | 589.7 | 147.6 | 737.2 | 28.2 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 8.1 | 6.7 | 3.8 |
| December | 119.0 | 509.2 | 628.2 | 177.4 | 805.7 | 32.1 | 7.6 | 8.9 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 3.9 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 109.3 | 576.9 | 686.2 | 167.6 | 853.8 | 29.6 | 8.7 | 9.8 | 7.7 | 9.3 | 8.5 | 4.4 |
| February | 103.2 | 611.2 | 714.5 | 191.6 | 906.1 | 30.4 | 9.2 | 10.2 | 8.5 | 9.8 | 8.1 | 4.6 |
| March | 91.7 | 561.5 | 653.2 | 192.2 | 845.4 | 29.8 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 7.1 | 4.2 |
| April | 85.5 | 542.0 | 627.5 | 172.2 | 799.6 | 27.8 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 6.7 | 4.1 |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Seasonally adjusted

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE..... | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 50.5 | 351.9 | 402.4 | 49.5 | 452.0 | 24.8 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 5.5 |
| March | 54.6 | 350.8 | 405.4 | 54.1 | 459.5 | 25.9 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 5.5 |
| April | 55.0 | 354.7 | 409.7 | 57.1 | 466.8 | 25.9 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 9.8 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 5.6 |
| May | 54.6 | 336.8 | 391.3 | 53.9 | 445.2 | 26.3 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 5.3 |
| June | 56.7 | 330.2 | 387.0 | 56.6 | 443.6 | 27.6 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 9.4 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 5.2 |
| July | 54.1 | 340.9 | 395.0 | 56.2 | 451.3 | 25.8 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 9.5 | 8.7 | 8.3 | 5.3 |
| August | 54.5 | 360.3 | 414.8 | 59.8 | 474.6 | 26.2 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 9.9 | 9.1 | 8.3 | 5.6 |
| September | 54.2 | 358.3 | 412.5 | 55.7 | 468.2 | 26.0 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 8.3 | 5.6 |
| October | 56.1 | 353.7 | 409.8 | 61.7 | 471.5 | 26.7 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 9.0 | 8.6 | 5.5 |
| November | 56.2 | 343.4 | 399.6 | 57.3 | 456.9 | 27.1 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 5.3 |
| December | 57.2 | 336.1 | 393.2 | 61.6 | 454.8 | 27.6 | 7.6 | 8.5 | 10.1 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 5.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 48.9 | 344.6 | 393.5 | 58.2 | 451.7 | 24.4 | 7.8 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 8.6 | 7.4 | 5.3 |
| February | 54.2 | 361.2 | 415.3 | 56.2 | 471.5 | 27.3 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 5.6 |
| March | 56.1 | 357.1 | 413.2 | 59.3 | 472.5 | 28.8 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 9.6 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 5.5 |
| April | 50.3 | 351.2 | 401.5 | 62.7 | 464.2 | 25.5 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 8.9 | 7.6 | 5.4 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 37.6 | 176.9 | 214.5 | 100.4 | 314.9 | 29.9 | 8.3 | 9.5 | 6.1 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 2.7 |
| March | 36.8 | 173.2 | 210.0 | 101.3 | 311.3 | 30.1 | 8.1 | 9.3 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 5.9 | 2.6 |
| April | 37.8 | 180.6 | 218.4 | 110.5 | 329.0 | 30.7 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 6.1 | 2.7 |
| May | 36.4 | 180.0 | 216.5 | 113.0 | 329.4 | 30.0 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 5.9 | 2.7 |
| June | 31.9 | 170.4 | 202.3 | 111.3 | 313.6 | 27.6 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 5.1 | 2.6 |
| July | 32.6 | 185.4 | 218.0 | 111.2 | 329.2 | 27.5 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 5.2 | 2.8 |
| August | 36.2 | 185.3 | 221.5 | 109.9 | 331.4 | 30.5 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 6.7 | 8.4 | 5.8 | 2.8 |
| September | 38.9 | 186.4 | 225.3 | 106.7 | 332.0 | 32.0 | 8.5 | 9.8 | 6.5 | 8.4 | 6.2 | 2.8 |
| October | 41.6 | 180.9 | 222.5 | 109.6 | 332.1 | 33.2 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 6.6 | 8.4 | 6.7 | 2.7 |
| November | 41.0 | 178.2 | 219.2 | 103.2 | 322.4 | 33.0 | 8.2 | 9.6 | 6.3 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 2.7 |
| December | 42.0 | 182.8 | 224.8 | 112.3 | 337.1 | 34.3 | 8.4 | 9.8 | 6.8 | 8.5 | 6.7 | 2.7 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 39.8 | 190.9 | 230.7 | 108.5 | 339.2 | 32.5 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 6.5 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 2.8 |
| February | 33.3 | 193.8 | 227.1 | 112.2 | 339.2 | 29.3 | 8.9 | 9.9 | 6.6 | 8.5 | 5.3 | 2.9 |
| March | 35.5 | 189.0 | 224.5 | 106.0 | 330.5 | 30.4 | 8.8 | 9.9 | 6.3 | 8.4 | 5.7 | 2.8 |
| April | 38.1 | 193.2 | 231.3 | 106.9 | 338.2 | 33.1 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 6.1 | 2.9 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 88.1 | 528.8 | 616.9 | 149.9 | 766.9 | 26.8 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 6.8 | 8.4 | 6.9 | 4.1 |
| March | 91.4 | 524.0 | 615.4 | 155.4 | 770.8 | 27.4 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 7.2 | 4.0 |
| April | 92.8 | 535.3 | 628.1 | 167.6 | 795.8 | 27.7 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 7.6 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 4.1 |
| May | 91.0 | 516.8 | 607.8 | 166.9 | 774.6 | 27.7 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 7.1 | 4.0 |
| June | 88.6 | 500.6 | 589.2 | 167.9 | 757.1 | 27.6 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 7.0 | 3.8 |
| July | 86.7 | 526.3 | 613.0 | 167.4 | 780.5 | 26.4 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 7.6 | 8.6 | 6.8 | 4.0 |
| August | 90.7 | 545.6 | 636.3 | 169.8 | 806.1 | 27.7 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 7.6 | 8.8 | 7.1 | 4.2 |
| September | 93.0 | 544.8 | 637.8 | 162.4 | 800.3 | 28.2 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 7.3 | 4.1 |
| October | 97.7 | 534.6 | 632.4 | 171.3 | 803.6 | 29.2 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 7.6 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 4.1 |
| November | 97.1 | 521.6 | 618.8 | 160.5 | 779.3 | 29.3 | 7.9 | 9.0 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 4.0 |
| December | 99.2 | 518.9 | 618.0 | 173.9 | 791.9 | 30.1 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 7.7 | 3.9 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 88.7 | 535.5 | 624.2 | 166.7 | 790.9 | 27.4 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 6.9 | 4.1 |
| February | 87.4 | 555.0 | 642.4 | 168.4 | 810.8 | 28.0 | 8.4 | 9.3 | 7.3 | 8.8 | 6.8 | 4.2 |
| March | 91.6 | 546.1 | 637.7 | 165.3 | 803.0 | 29.4 | 8.3 | 9.3 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 4.1 |
| April | 88.4 | 544.4 | 632.8 | 169.5 | 802.3 | 28.3 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 6.9 | 4.1 |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend(a)

NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... UNEMPLOYMENT RATE..... UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO

| Month | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 53.6 | 349.5 | 403.1 | 51.6 | 454.7 | 25.7 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 5.5 |
| March | 54.1 | 347.0 | 401.1 | 53.0 | 454.0 | 25.9 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 5.4 |
| April | 54.5 | 344.6 | 399.2 | 54.4 | 453.6 | 26.1 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| May | 54.9 | 343.3 | 398.2 | 55.6 | 453.8 | 26.3 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| June | 55.0 | 343.9 | 398.8 | 56.5 | 455.3 | 26.4 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| July | 55.1 | 346.1 | 401.2 | 57.2 | 458.3 | 26.4 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| August | 55.3 | 348.5 | 403.8 | 57.9 | 461.7 | 26.5 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| September | 55.2 | 349.9 | 405.1 | 58.5 | 463.7 | 26.5 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| October | 55.2 | 349.8 | 405.0 | 59.0 | 464.0 | 26.5 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| November | 55.0 | 348.7 | 403.7 | 59.0 | 462.8 | 26.6 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.7 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| December | 54.6 | 347.7 | 402.3 | 58.9 | 461.2 | 26.7 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.7 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 5.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 54.1 | 348.3 | 402.3 | 58.9 | 461.3 | 26.8 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 5.4 |
| February | 53.4 | 350.3 | 403.8 | 59.1 | 462.9 | 26.8 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 8.1 | 5.4 |
| March | 52.9 | 352.7 | 405.6 | 59.5 | 465.1 | 26.8 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 8.0 | 5.4 |
| April | 52.3 | 355.0 | 407.3 | 59.8 | 467.0 | 26.8 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 8.0 | 5.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 38.3 | 174.4 | 212.7 | 101.1 | 313.8 | 30.6 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 6.2 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 2.6 |
| March | 37.0 | 175.2 | 212.1 | 104.8 | 316.9 | 29.9 | 8.2 | 9.4 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 6.0 | 2.6 |
| April | 35.7 | 176.5 | 212.2 | 108.0 | 320.2 | 29.3 | 8.2 | 9.4 | 6.6 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 2.7 |
| May | 34.8 | 178.4 | 213.2 | 110.4 | 323.6 | 29.0 | 8.3 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 8.3 | 5.6 | 2.7 |
| June | 34.5 | 180.2 | 214.7 | 111.3 | 326.0 | 29.0 | 8.3 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 8.3 | 5.6 | 2.7 |
| July | 35.0 | 181.4 | 216.4 | 110.9 | 327.3 | 29.4 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 6.8 | 8.3 | 5.6 | 2.7 |
| August | 36.4 | 182.1 | 218.5 | 109.8 | 328.3 | 30.3 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 6.7 | 8.4 | 5.9 | 2.7 |
| September | 38.3 | 182.5 | 220.8 | 108.7 | 329.5 | 31.5 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 6.6 | 8.4 | 6.2 | 2.7 |
| October | 39.9 | 183.0 | 222.9 | 108.1 | 331.0 | 32.5 | 8.4 | 9.7 | 6.6 | 8.4 | 6.4 | 2.7 |
| November | 40.5 | 183.8 | 224.3 | 108.3 | 332.6 | 32.9 | 8.4 | 9.7 | 6.5 | 8.4 | 6.5 | 2.7 |
| December | 39.9 | 185.2 | 225.1 | 108.6 | 333.7 | 32.7 | 8.5 | 9.8 | 6.5 | 8.4 | 6.4 | 2.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 38.7 | 187.3 | 226.0 | 108.9 | 334.9 | 32.2 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 6.5 | 8.4 | 6.2 | 2.8 |
| February | 37.5 | 189.6 | 227.2 | 108.8 | 336.0 | 31.7 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 6.5 | 8.4 | 6.0 | 2.8 |
| March | 36.6 | 191.6 | 228.2 | 108.6 | 336.8 | 31.4 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 6.4 | 8.5 | 5.8 | 2.8 |
| April | 35.8 | 193.5 | 229.2 | 108.1 | 337.3 | 31.1 | 8.9 | 10.0 | 6.4 | 8.5 | 5.7 | 2.9 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 91.9 | 524.0 | 615.8 | 152.7 | 768.5 | 27.5 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 7.2 | 4.0 |
| March | 91.0 | 522.2 | 613.2 | 157.7 | 770.9 | 27.4 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 7.2 | 8.5 | 7.2 | 4.0 |
| April | 90.2 | 521.1 | 611.3 | 162.4 | 773.8 | 27.3 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 7.4 | 8.5 | 7.1 | 4.0 |
| May | 89.7 | 521.7 | 611.4 | 166.0 | 777.3 | 27.3 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 7.0 | 4.0 |
| June | 89.5 | 524.1 | 613.5 | 167.7 | 781.3 | 27.3 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 7.0 | 4.0 |
| July | 90.1 | 527.5 | 617.6 | 168.0 | 785.6 | 27.5 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 7.1 | 4.0 |
| August | 91.7 | 530.6 | 622.3 | 167.8 | 790.0 | 27.9 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 7.2 | 4.0 |
| September | 93.5 | 532.4 | 626.0 | 167.2 | 793.2 | 28.3 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 7.3 | 4.1 |
| October | 95.1 | 532.8 | 627.9 | 167.1 | 795.0 | 28.7 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 7.4 | 4.1 |
| November | 95.5 | 532.6 | 628.0 | 167.3 | 795.3 | 28.9 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 7.5 | 4.0 |
| December | 94.5 | 532.8 | 627.4 | 167.5 | 794.9 | 29.0 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 7.4 | 8.6 | 7.4 | 4.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 92.8 | 535.6 | 628.4 | 167.8 | 796.2 | 28.8 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 7.2 | 4.1 |
| February | 91.0 | 540.0 | 631.0 | 167.9 | 798.9 | 28.7 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 4.1 |
| March | 89.4 | 544.3 | 633.8 | 168.1 | 801.8 | 28.5 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 7.0 | 4.1 |
| April | 88.1 | 548.4 | 636.5 | 167.8 | 804.3 | 28.4 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 6.9 | 4.1 |

(a) Estimates for October 1996 to March 1997 have been revised.

PERSONS AGED 15 TO 19—Education and Labour Force: Original—April 1997

| EMPLOYED..... | | | UNEMPLOYED..... | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Employed full time</i> | <i>Employed part time</i> | <i>Total employed</i> | <i>Unemp. looking for f/t work</i> | <i>Unemp. looking for p/t work</i> | <i>Total unemployed</i> | <i>Labour force</i> | <i>Not in labour force</i> | <i>Civilian population aged 15-19</i> | <i>Unemp- loyment rate</i> | <i>Partic- ipation rate</i> |
| '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % |
| ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 142.4 | 30.9 | 173.3 | 43.3 | * 2.7 | 46.0 | 219.4 | 19.5 | 238.8 | 21.0 91.9 |
| Females | 71.1 | 45.4 | 116.4 | 30.1 | * 1.9 | 31.9 | 148.4 | 30.6 | 179.0 | 21.5 82.9 |
| Persons | 213.5 | 76.3 | 289.8 | 73.4 | 4.5 | 78.0 | 367.7 | 50.1 | 417.8 | 21.2 88.0 |
| ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 4.6 | 46.8 | 51.4 | * 3.8 | 10.5 | 14.3 | 65.6 | 44.2 | 109.9 | 21.7 59.7 |
| Females | * 2.1 | 69.5 | 71.6 | * 2.4 | 10.1 | 12.5 | 84.1 | 49.3 | 133.4 | 14.8 63.0 |
| Persons | 6.7 | 116.3 | 123.0 | 6.1 | 20.6 | 26.7 | 149.7 | 93.5 | 243.2 | 17.9 61.6 |
| ATTENDING SCHOOL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | * 1.4 | 82.5 | 83.9 | * 3.1 | 20.5 | 23.6 | 107.5 | 201.5 | 309.1 | 21.9 34.8 |
| Females | * 0.8 | 104.3 | 105.1 | * 2.8 | 22.6 | 25.5 | 130.5 | 183.1 | 313.6 | 19.5 41.6 |
| Persons | * 2.1 | 186.9 | 189.0 | 5.9 | 43.2 | 49.1 | 238.1 | 384.6 | 622.7 | 20.6 38.2 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 148.4 | 160.3 | 308.7 | 50.2 | 33.7 | 83.9 | 392.5 | 265.2 | 657.8 | 21.4 59.7 |
| Females | 74.0 | 219.1 | 293.1 | 35.3 | 34.6 | 69.9 | 363.0 | 263.0 | 626.0 | 19.3 58.0 |
| Persons | 222.3 | 379.5 | 601.8 | 85.5 | 68.3 | 153.8 | 755.5 | 528.2 | 1 283.8 | 20.4 58.9 |

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 & OVER)-States & Territories: Original-April 1997

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

| | Employed full time | Employed part time | Total employed | Unemp. looking for f/t work | Unemp. looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 and over | Unemp- loyment rate | Partic- ipation rate |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % |

MALES

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| New South Wales | 1 421.2 | 188.9 | 1 610.1 | 120.9 | 18.2 | 139.1 | 1 749.3 | 666.3 | 2 415.6 | 8.0 | 72.4 |
| Victoria | 1 044.3 | 142.0 | 1 186.3 | 97.1 | 19.3 | 116.5 | 1 302.8 | 472.0 | 1 774.8 | 8.9 | 73.4 |
| Queensland | 762.4 | 109.0 | 871.4 | 87.4 | 13.2 | 100.6 | 972.0 | 347.7 | 1 319.7 | 10.3 | 73.7 |
| South Australia | 319.9 | 49.3 | 369.2 | 39.0 | 4.8 | 43.8 | 413.0 | 167.9 | 580.8 | 10.6 | 71.1 |
| Western Australia | 434.0 | 55.9 | 489.9 | 31.7 | 4.5 | 36.2 | 526.1 | 168.4 | 694.5 | 6.9 | 75.8 |
| Tasmania | 96.9 | 14.9 | 111.8 | 13.5 | * 1.0 | 14.5 | 126.4 | 55.3 | 181.6 | 11.5 | 69.6 |
| Northern Territory | 38.9 | 6.0 | 44.9 | 2.4 | * 0.3 | 2.7 | 47.6 | 17.2 | 64.8 | 5.8 | 73.5 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 71.7 | 12.0 | 83.7 | 4.8 | 2.0 | 6.8 | 90.5 | 24.8 | 115.3 | 7.5 | 78.5 |
| Australia | 4 189.4 | 578.1 | 4 767.5 | 396.9 | 63.3 | 460.2 | 5 227.7 | 1 919.5 | 7 147.1 | 8.8 | 73.1 |

FEMALES

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| New South Wales | 730.2 | 481.4 | 1 211.6 | 68.9 | 35.7 | 104.5 | 1 316.1 | 1 189.1 | 2 505.3 | 7.9 | 52.5 |
| Victoria | 503.8 | 410.5 | 914.2 | 63.0 | 30.4 | 93.4 | 1 007.7 | 845.4 | 1 853.1 | 9.3 | 54.4 |
| Queensland | 369.8 | 301.4 | 671.2 | 49.4 | 17.9 | 67.4 | 738.5 | 605.6 | 1 344.1 | 9.1 | 54.9 |
| South Australia | 148.2 | 143.2 | 291.5 | 18.4 | 9.0 | 27.4 | 318.8 | 282.7 | 601.5 | 8.6 | 53.0 |
| Western Australia | 189.5 | 170.6 | 360.1 | 20.2 | 10.3 | 30.5 | 390.6 | 310.9 | 701.6 | 7.8 | 55.7 |
| Tasmania | 41.7 | 41.7 | 83.4 | 5.9 | 2.4 | 8.3 | 91.7 | 96.1 | 187.8 | 9.0 | 48.8 |
| Northern Territory | 24.5 | 13.2 | 37.6 | 1.9 | * 0.8 | 2.8 | 40.4 | 23.2 | 63.6 | 6.8 | 63.5 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 46.5 | 27.6 | 74.1 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 5.2 | 79.2 | 40.2 | 119.4 | 6.5 | 66.3 |
| Australia | 2 054.1 | 1 589.6 | 3 643.7 | 230.6 | 108.8 | 339.4 | 3 983.1 | 3 393.4 | 7 376.5 | 8.5 | 54.0 |

PERSONS

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| New South Wales | 2 151.5 | 670.2 | 2 821.7 | 189.8 | 53.9 | 243.6 | 3 065.4 | 1 855.5 | 4 920.8 | 7.9 | 62.3 |
| Victoria | 1 548.1 | 552.5 | 2 100.6 | 160.2 | 49.7 | 209.9 | 2 310.5 | 1 317.4 | 3 627.9 | 9.1 | 63.7 |
| Queensland | 1 132.2 | 410.5 | 1 542.6 | 136.8 | 31.1 | 167.9 | 1 710.5 | 953.2 | 2 663.8 | 9.8 | 64.2 |
| South Australia | 468.1 | 192.5 | 660.7 | 57.4 | 13.8 | 71.1 | 731.8 | 450.5 | 1 182.3 | 9.7 | 61.9 |
| Western Australia | 623.5 | 226.5 | 850.0 | 51.9 | 14.8 | 66.8 | 916.8 | 479.4 | 1 396.1 | 7.3 | 65.7 |
| Tasmania | 138.7 | 56.6 | 195.3 | 19.4 | 3.4 | 22.8 | 218.1 | 151.4 | 369.5 | 10.5 | 59.0 |
| Northern Territory | 63.4 | 19.2 | 82.5 | 4.3 | * 1.2 | 5.5 | 88.0 | 40.4 | 128.4 | 6.2 | 68.5 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 118.1 | 39.6 | 157.8 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 11.9 | 169.7 | 65.0 | 234.7 | 7.0 | 72.3 |
| Australia | 6 243.5 | 2 167.6 | 8 411.2 | 627.5 | 172.2 | 799.6 | 9 210.8 | 5 312.8 | 14 523.6 | 8.7 | 63.4 |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS-New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland: Original

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE..... | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemp-loyed | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| NEW SOUTH WALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 30.3 | 180.5 | 210.8 | 49.6 | 260.4 | 26.1 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 7.2 | 4.1 |
| March | 28.4 | 171.8 | 200.1 | 56.2 | 256.4 | 26.2 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 6.8 | 3.9 |
| April | 29.2 | 165.5 | 194.7 | 51.3 | 246.0 | 26.9 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 3.7 |
| May | 26.5 | 153.9 | 180.5 | 51.4 | 231.9 | 25.5 | 7.0 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 3.5 |
| June | 25.9 | 148.8 | 174.7 | 50.7 | 225.4 | 26.3 | 6.8 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 3.3 |
| July | 23.2 | 155.1 | 178.4 | 45.3 | 223.7 | 22.6 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 5.5 | 3.5 |
| August | 24.8 | 163.9 | 188.7 | 49.4 | 238.1 | 25.2 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 7.0 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 3.7 |
| September | 23.9 | 168.2 | 192.1 | 57.0 | 249.2 | 23.7 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 5.7 | 3.8 |
| October | 23.7 | 155.8 | 179.6 | 53.4 | 233.0 | 22.2 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 5.6 | 3.5 |
| November | 22.1 | 145.7 | 167.9 | 48.3 | 216.2 | 23.4 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 3.3 |
| December | 37.4 | 154.0 | 191.4 | 53.3 | 244.7 | 30.6 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 3.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 35.0 | 173.2 | 208.1 | 49.9 | 258.0 | 27.7 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 3.9 |
| February | 35.9 | 186.8 | 222.7 | 64.5 | 287.2 | 30.5 | 8.3 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 8.5 | 4.2 |
| March | 27.7 | 171.8 | 199.4 | 57.7 | 257.1 | 26.0 | 7.6 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 6.5 | 3.8 |
| April | 29.3 | 160.5 | 189.8 | 53.9 | 243.6 | 26.9 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 3.6 |
| VICTORIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 26.9 | 155.6 | 182.5 | 47.9 | 230.4 | 36.4 | 9.4 | 10.5 | 8.6 | 10.1 | 8.6 | 4.8 |
| March | 21.8 | 135.5 | 157.3 | 45.1 | 202.4 | 32.5 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 7.0 | 4.1 |
| April | 20.3 | 139.2 | 159.5 | 47.8 | 207.3 | 30.6 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 4.3 |
| May | 19.9 | 133.3 | 153.2 | 38.3 | 191.5 | 30.0 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 6.3 | 4.1 |
| June | 18.5 | 118.4 | 136.9 | 41.0 | 177.8 | 28.6 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 3.6 |
| July | 14.6 | 129.8 | 144.4 | 42.6 | 187.0 | 21.6 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 4.7 | 4.0 |
| August | 18.3 | 141.0 | 159.3 | 38.8 | 198.2 | 28.8 | 8.6 | 9.3 | 6.9 | 8.7 | 5.8 | 4.3 |
| September | 20.5 | 149.8 | 170.3 | 44.5 | 214.8 | 30.2 | 9.0 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 4.6 |
| October | 19.1 | 142.2 | 161.3 | 43.4 | 204.7 | 30.1 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 7.6 | 8.9 | 6.1 | 4.3 |
| November | 20.4 | 146.6 | 167.0 | 37.2 | 204.2 | 31.3 | 8.8 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 8.8 | 6.5 | 4.4 |
| December | 25.8 | 141.2 | 167.0 | 48.4 | 215.4 | 34.4 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 8.2 | 4.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 21.9 | 150.6 | 172.5 | 40.7 | 213.2 | 29.4 | 9.1 | 9.9 | 7.4 | 9.3 | 7.0 | 4.6 |
| February | 19.9 | 165.3 | 185.2 | 48.9 | 234.1 | 30.4 | 9.8 | 10.6 | 8.5 | 10.1 | 6.3 | 5.0 |
| March | 19.8 | 148.3 | 168.1 | 52.5 | 220.6 | 33.0 | 9.0 | 9.9 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 6.3 | 4.5 |
| April | 16.7 | 143.4 | 160.2 | 49.7 | 209.9 | 28.9 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 5.3 | 4.3 |
| QUEENSLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 20.7 | 115.9 | 136.6 | 28.9 | 165.5 | 26.3 | 9.6 | 10.6 | 7.5 | 9.9 | 8.5 | 4.9 |
| March | 18.6 | 111.4 | 130.0 | 33.0 | 163.0 | 26.3 | 9.3 | 10.2 | 8.1 | 9.7 | 7.6 | 4.7 |
| April | 20.4 | 110.6 | 130.9 | 31.7 | 162.7 | 27.3 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 7.8 | 9.7 | 8.4 | 4.7 |
| May | 21.4 | 102.8 | 124.2 | 32.5 | 156.7 | 30.7 | 8.5 | 9.8 | 8.0 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 4.3 |
| June | 20.9 | 104.4 | 125.3 | 29.7 | 155.0 | 30.8 | 8.7 | 9.8 | 7.1 | 9.2 | 8.6 | 4.4 |
| July | 16.1 | 101.1 | 117.3 | 31.3 | 148.6 | 23.8 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 6.6 | 4.3 |
| August | 19.1 | 106.3 | 125.4 | 31.1 | 156.4 | 28.7 | 8.8 | 9.8 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 7.8 | 4.5 |
| September | 18.5 | 103.2 | 121.7 | 33.0 | 154.7 | 26.8 | 8.4 | 9.4 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 4.3 |
| October | 20.9 | 99.0 | 120.0 | 34.2 | 154.2 | 30.0 | 8.1 | 9.3 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 4.1 |
| November | 22.4 | 94.0 | 116.4 | 29.0 | 145.4 | 32.9 | 7.8 | 9.1 | 6.9 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 3.9 |
| December | 26.8 | 96.3 | 123.0 | 37.7 | 160.7 | 33.0 | 7.9 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 10.9 | 4.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 27.4 | 121.2 | 148.6 | 37.8 | 186.4 | 35.5 | 10.0 | 11.5 | 9.3 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 5.0 |
| February | 23.5 | 128.1 | 151.5 | 32.9 | 184.5 | 32.5 | 10.4 | 11.6 | 7.8 | 10.7 | 9.5 | 5.3 |
| March | 21.1 | 123.1 | 144.2 | 37.6 | 181.8 | 34.1 | 10.1 | 11.3 | 8.5 | 10.6 | 8.6 | 5.1 |
| April | 16.1 | 120.7 | 136.8 | 31.1 | 167.9 | 27.0 | 10.0 | 10.8 | 7.0 | 9.8 | 6.5 | 5.0 |



UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania: Original

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE..... | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemp-loyed | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 10.3 | 51.2 | 61.5 | 15.0 | 76.4 | 37.8 | 10.0 | 11.4 | 7.8 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 4.8 |
| March | 8.4 | 45.1 | 53.5 | 15.5 | 69.0 | 34.7 | 9.0 | 10.2 | 7.7 | 9.5 | 8.6 | 4.2 |
| April | 7.1 | 47.7 | 54.8 | 14.5 | 69.3 | 30.3 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 7.0 | 9.5 | 7.3 | 4.4 |
| May | 9.6 | 44.7 | 54.3 | 13.9 | 68.2 | 39.7 | 8.9 | 10.3 | 7.0 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 4.1 |
| June | 8.0 | 43.4 | 51.4 | 10.4 | 61.8 | 37.1 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 5.1 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 4.0 |
| July | 9.2 | 43.0 | 52.2 | 11.8 | 64.1 | 36.9 | 8.6 | 9.9 | 5.9 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 4.0 |
| August | 7.8 | 48.0 | 55.8 | 12.2 | 68.0 | 35.5 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 6.0 | 9.4 | 8.0 | 4.4 |
| September | 8.9 | 47.9 | 56.8 | 13.6 | 70.5 | 38.9 | 9.5 | 10.8 | 6.7 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 4.4 |
| October | 7.5 | 47.6 | 55.2 | 12.5 | 67.7 | 32.8 | 9.4 | 10.4 | 6.3 | 9.3 | 7.7 | 4.4 |
| November | 7.0 | 47.8 | 54.8 | 11.6 | 66.3 | 31.6 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 5.8 | 9.2 | 7.2 | 4.4 |
| December | 10.9 | 47.1 | 58.0 | 12.6 | 70.6 | 39.6 | 9.2 | 10.8 | 6.4 | 9.6 | 11.1 | 4.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 8.2 | 51.4 | 59.6 | 14.1 | 73.6 | 32.5 | 10.1 | 11.2 | 7.3 | 10.2 | 8.4 | 4.7 |
| February | 8.6 | 51.3 | 59.9 | 14.4 | 74.4 | 34.7 | 10.1 | 11.2 | 7.2 | 10.1 | 8.8 | 4.7 |
| March | 7.6 | 48.3 | 55.9 | 15.2 | 71.1 | 34.0 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 7.0 | 9.6 | 7.7 | 4.5 |
| April | 10.6 | 46.8 | 57.4 | 13.8 | 71.1 | 42.1 | 9.4 | 10.9 | 6.7 | 9.7 | 10.8 | 4.3 |
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 9.2 | 51.2 | 60.3 | 18.6 | 78.9 | 21.7 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 7.2 | 4.1 |
| March | 8.4 | 45.6 | 54.0 | 20.0 | 74.0 | 20.4 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 3.7 |
| April | 7.8 | 41.6 | 49.5 | 14.5 | 64.0 | 19.4 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 3.4 |
| May | 7.8 | 44.2 | 52.0 | 16.9 | 68.9 | 20.4 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 6.1 | 3.6 |
| June | 7.9 | 47.0 | 54.9 | 15.6 | 70.5 | 20.8 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 6.2 | 3.8 |
| July | 8.4 | 44.2 | 52.5 | 12.6 | 65.1 | 20.4 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 3.5 |
| August | 7.8 | 45.8 | 53.6 | 15.3 | 68.8 | 21.1 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 6.0 | 3.7 |
| September | 7.7 | 46.3 | 54.1 | 15.1 | 69.1 | 20.4 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 6.0 | 3.7 |
| October | 8.6 | 41.6 | 50.2 | 14.9 | 65.1 | 21.9 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 3.3 |
| November | 9.8 | 42.7 | 52.5 | 13.8 | 66.3 | 25.0 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 5.9 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 3.4 |
| December | 12.0 | 43.7 | 55.7 | 15.0 | 70.8 | 26.5 | 6.8 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 3.5 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 10.2 | 50.3 | 60.4 | 15.7 | 76.1 | 22.0 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 6.7 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 4.0 |
| February | 9.8 | 48.6 | 58.2 | 20.8 | 79.1 | 23.3 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 7.4 | 3.9 |
| March | 9.3 | 45.6 | 54.9 | 18.5 | 73.4 | 24.0 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 3.6 |
| April | 7.5 | 44.4 | 51.9 | 14.8 | 66.8 | 18.7 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 5.8 | 3.5 |
| TASMANIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 4.2 | 14.7 | 18.9 | 4.7 | 23.6 | 34.1 | 9.4 | 11.2 | 8.0 | 10.4 | 12.3 | 4.4 |
| March | 3.3 | 15.8 | 19.1 | 4.3 | 23.4 | 31.8 | 10.4 | 11.7 | 7.0 | 10.4 | 9.7 | 4.7 |
| April | 2.4 | 15.2 | 17.6 | 4.3 | 21.9 | 22.7 | 10.0 | 10.8 | 6.9 | 9.7 | 6.9 | 4.6 |
| May | 2.9 | 15.8 | 18.8 | 3.5 | 22.2 | 29.2 | 10.4 | 11.6 | 5.7 | 10.0 | 8.6 | 4.7 |
| June | 2.9 | 17.1 | 20.0 | 3.7 | 23.7 | 28.4 | 11.1 | 12.2 | 6.1 | 10.5 | 8.5 | 5.1 |
| July | 3.0 | 16.7 | 19.7 | 4.5 | 24.2 | 30.8 | 11.0 | 12.2 | 7.0 | 10.7 | 8.8 | 5.0 |
| August | 2.2 | 16.6 | 18.8 | 3.9 | 22.7 | 24.7 | 10.9 | 11.6 | 6.4 | 10.2 | 6.4 | 5.0 |
| September | 2.3 | 17.6 | 19.9 | 3.9 | 23.8 | 24.9 | 11.4 | 12.2 | 6.3 | 10.6 | 6.8 | 5.2 |
| October | 2.0 | 17.0 | 19.0 | 4.5 | 23.5 | 21.8 | 11.3 | 11.9 | 7.1 | 10.6 | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| November | 2.5 | 16.3 | 18.7 | 3.4 | 22.2 | 26.4 | 10.8 | 11.7 | 5.7 | 10.1 | 7.3 | 4.9 |
| December | 3.8 | 16.2 | 20.1 | 5.1 | 25.1 | 35.0 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 8.5 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 4.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4.0 | 16.5 | 20.5 | 4.4 | 24.9 | 35.1 | 11.1 | 12.8 | 7.3 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 4.9 |
| February | 3.7 | 17.9 | 21.6 | 4.0 | 25.6 | 32.8 | 11.6 | 13.1 | 7.1 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 5.3 |
| March | 3.8 | 15.1 | 18.9 | 4.6 | 23.5 | 35.1 | 10.3 | 12.0 | 7.4 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 4.5 |
| April | 3.5 | 15.9 | 19.4 | 3.4 | 22.8 | 34.4 | 10.7 | 12.3 | 5.7 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 4.7 |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS-Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory: Original

NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....

UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO

| Month | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work '000s | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work '000s | Total looking for f/t work '000s | Looking for p/t work '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work % | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work % | Total looking for f/t work % | Looking for p/t work % | Total unemp- loyed % | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work % | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work % |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| NORTHERN TERRITORY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | * 0.8 | 4.6 | 5.4 | * 0.9 | 6.3 | * 30.8 | 7.0 | 7.8 | * 4.8 | 7.2 | * 6.1 | 4.1 |
| March | * 0.8 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 1.6 | 7.1 | * 29.5 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 7.9 | * 6.5 | 4.1 |
| April | * 1.2 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 1.5 | 7.0 | * 41.6 | 6.7 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 8.0 | * 9.2 | 3.9 |
| May | * 0.7 | 3.9 | 4.6 | * 0.7 | 5.3 | * 24.3 | 5.9 | 6.7 | * 3.9 | 6.1 | * 5.6 | 3.4 |
| June | * 0.3 | 2.8 | 3.1 | * 0.8 | 3.9 | * 8.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | * 4.3 | 4.4 | * 2.2 | 2.5 |
| July | * 0.4 | 4.2 | 4.6 | * 1.1 | 5.7 | * 8.6 | 6.1 | 6.3 | * 6.5 | 6.3 | * 3.2 | 3.7 |
| August | * 0.6 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 1.3 | 4.6 | * 17.1 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 6.8 | 5.3 | * 4.6 | 2.5 |
| September | * 0.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 5.0 | * 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 5.4 | * 1.6 | 3.1 |
| October | * 0.3 | 2.7 | 3.1 | * 0.9 | 3.9 | * 11.0 | 4.2 | 4.5 | * 4.1 | 4.4 | * 2.7 | 2.4 |
| November | * 0.5 | 2.8 | 3.3 | * 0.7 | 4.0 | * 16.1 | 4.5 | 5.0 | * 3.2 | 4.6 | * 3.8 | 2.4 |
| December | * 0.5 | 2.7 | 3.2 | * 1.1 | 4.3 | * 14.3 | 4.2 | 4.7 | * 5.8 | 5.0 | * 3.6 | 2.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | * 0.9 | 4.2 | 5.1 | * 1.1 | 6.2 | * 23.7 | 6.8 | 7.7 | * 6.3 | 7.4 | * 6.7 | 3.7 |
| February | * 0.7 | 4.1 | 4.9 | * 1.0 | 5.9 | * 24.8 | 6.5 | 7.3 | * 4.8 | 6.7 | * 5.6 | 3.6 |
| March | * 0.8 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 5.0 | * 25.4 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 7.8 | 5.6 | * 5.8 | 2.3 |
| April | * 0.7 | 3.6 | 4.3 | * 1.2 | 5.5 | * 26.2 | 5.6 | 6.4 | * 5.8 | 6.2 | * 5.5 | 3.1 |
| AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 2.0 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 5.1 | 15.1 | 42.9 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 11.8 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 3.8 |
| March | 1.8 | 8.6 | 10.4 | 5.3 | 15.7 | 40.7 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 11.8 | 9.1 | 7.6 | 4.1 |
| April | 1.6 | 8.6 | 10.2 | 4.6 | 14.8 | 35.9 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 10.8 | 8.8 | 6.8 | 4.1 |
| May | 1.7 | 8.1 | 9.8 | 3.6 | 13.5 | 42.6 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 3.9 |
| June | 1.8 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 3.4 | 12.4 | 43.9 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 3.4 |
| July | 1.5 | 8.9 | 10.4 | 2.9 | 13.2 | 38.0 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 4.2 |
| August | 1.9 | 9.3 | 11.2 | 3.2 | 14.4 | 50.0 | 7.6 | 8.9 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 4.4 |
| September | 2.1 | 8.4 | 10.5 | 2.7 | 13.1 | 54.2 | 6.8 | 8.3 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 9.2 | 4.0 |
| October | 2.1 | 8.0 | 10.2 | 2.7 | 12.9 | 53.5 | 6.7 | 8.2 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 9.3 | 3.8 |
| November | 1.5 | 7.6 | 9.2 | 3.5 | 12.7 | 38.4 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 8.6 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 3.6 |
| December | 1.8 | 8.1 | 9.9 | 4.2 | 14.1 | 37.2 | 6.7 | 7.9 | 10.0 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 3.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1.8 | 9.5 | 11.3 | 3.9 | 15.2 | 38.3 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 10.3 | 9.2 | 7.7 | 4.5 |
| February | 1.3 | 9.1 | 10.4 | 5.0 | 15.4 | 35.8 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 11.6 | 9.0 | 5.7 | 4.3 |
| March | 1.6 | 6.7 | 8.3 | 4.6 | 12.9 | 43.6 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 10.7 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 3.2 |
| April | 1.0 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 11.9 | 31.0 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 9.7 | 7.0 | 4.5 | 3.1 |

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)-New South Wales(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 1 417.5 | 1 590.0 | 140.5 | 8.1 | 72.8 | 1 417.5 | 1 588.0 | 142.1 | 8.2 | 72.8 | 2 377.1 |
| March | 1 405.9 | 1 585.6 | 145.8 | 8.4 | 72.7 | 1 414.4 | 1 587.2 | 143.4 | 8.3 | 72.7 | 2 380.0 |
| April | 1 410.0 | 1 581.2 | 150.4 | 8.7 | 72.7 | 1 411.2 | 1 587.1 | 144.4 | 8.3 | 72.7 | 2 383.1 |
| May | 1 410.1 | 1 592.0 | 140.8 | 8.1 | 72.6 | 1 409.4 | 1 588.3 | 144.9 | 8.4 | 72.6 | 2 386.2 |
| June | 1 409.8 | 1 591.6 | 141.6 | 8.2 | 72.5 | 1 410.0 | 1 590.3 | 145.0 | 8.4 | 72.6 | 2 389.3 |
| July | 1 411.5 | 1 590.7 | 141.4 | 8.2 | 72.4 | 1 412.3 | 1 592.3 | 144.8 | 8.3 | 72.6 | 2 392.5 |
| August | 1 416.5 | 1 596.5 | 153.4 | 8.8 | 73.0 | 1 416.0 | 1 594.8 | 144.2 | 8.3 | 72.6 | 2 395.8 |
| September | 1 420.4 | 1 596.9 | 141.5 | 8.1 | 72.5 | 1 419.9 | 1 597.5 | 143.1 | 8.2 | 72.6 | 2 399.1 |
| October | 1 423.3 | 1 601.7 | 141.8 | 8.1 | 72.6 | 1 423.6 | 1 600.0 | 142.0 | 8.2 | 72.5 | 2 401.8 |
| November | 1 424.2 | 1 593.0 | 141.3 | 8.1 | 72.1 | 1 426.7 | 1 602.1 | 141.1 | 8.1 | 72.5 | 2 404.6 |
| December | 1 432.4 | 1 610.1 | 136.2 | 7.8 | 72.5 | 1 428.7 | 1 603.7 | 140.7 | 8.1 | 72.5 | 2 407.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 438.9 | 1 618.0 | 137.3 | 7.8 | 72.9 | 1 429.6 | 1 604.8 | 141.3 | 8.1 | 72.5 | 2 409.2 |
| February | 1 415.1 | 1 589.7 | 151.1 | 8.7 | 72.2 | 1 429.8 | 1 605.6 | 142.3 | 8.1 | 72.5 | 2 411.1 |
| March | 1 438.9 | 1 607.1 | 142.0 | 8.1 | 72.5 | 1 429.6 | 1 606.2 | 143.5 | 8.2 | 72.5 | 2 413.0 |
| April | 1 424.0 | 1 610.0 | 143.7 | 8.2 | 72.8 | 1 429.1 | 1 606.7 | 144.3 | 8.2 | 72.5 | 2 415.6 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 718.2 | 1 201.0 | 94.3 | 7.3 | 52.6 | 725.7 | 1 203.2 | 94.7 | 7.3 | 52.7 | 2 460.7 |
| March | 732.8 | 1 207.7 | 94.9 | 7.3 | 52.9 | 722.6 | 1 199.7 | 95.7 | 7.4 | 52.6 | 2 463.8 |
| April | 722.7 | 1 191.5 | 100.4 | 7.8 | 52.4 | 720.6 | 1 197.3 | 96.4 | 7.4 | 52.4 | 2 467.3 |
| May | 707.5 | 1 188.2 | 99.6 | 7.7 | 52.1 | 719.9 | 1 196.3 | 97.3 | 7.5 | 52.4 | 2 470.9 |
| June | 717.8 | 1 202.2 | 91.9 | 7.1 | 52.3 | 720.9 | 1 196.6 | 98.1 | 7.6 | 52.3 | 2 474.4 |
| July | 728.7 | 1 200.4 | 98.7 | 7.6 | 52.4 | 723.1 | 1 197.9 | 98.2 | 7.6 | 52.3 | 2 478.3 |
| August | 733.7 | 1 201.6 | 97.8 | 7.5 | 52.3 | 725.8 | 1 200.0 | 98.0 | 7.5 | 52.3 | 2 482.3 |
| September | 720.4 | 1 195.2 | 103.6 | 8.0 | 52.2 | 728.6 | 1 202.8 | 97.8 | 7.5 | 52.3 | 2 486.2 |
| October | 731.9 | 1 210.0 | 100.2 | 7.6 | 52.6 | 730.3 | 1 205.5 | 98.0 | 7.5 | 52.4 | 2 489.4 |
| November | 730.5 | 1 206.2 | 87.1 | 6.7 | 51.9 | 730.2 | 1 207.6 | 98.5 | 7.5 | 52.4 | 2 492.6 |
| December | 731.9 | 1 210.7 | 102.1 | 7.8 | 52.6 | 729.3 | 1 209.4 | 99.3 | 7.6 | 52.4 | 2 495.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 730.1 | 1 213.8 | 101.3 | 7.7 | 52.6 | 728.5 | 1 210.9 | 100.6 | 7.7 | 52.5 | 2 498.1 |
| February | 726.1 | 1 212.3 | 107.7 | 8.2 | 52.8 | 727.7 | 1 211.8 | 102.0 | 7.8 | 52.5 | 2 500.3 |
| March | 720.3 | 1 206.3 | 98.9 | 7.6 | 52.2 | 727.2 | 1 212.6 | 103.1 | 7.8 | 52.6 | 2 502.5 |
| April | 731.7 | 1 216.2 | 104.5 | 7.9 | 52.7 | 726.2 | 1 212.5 | 104.3 | 7.9 | 52.6 | 2 505.3 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 2 135.7 | 2 791.0 | 234.8 | 7.8 | 62.5 | 2 143.1 | 2 791.2 | 236.8 | 7.8 | 62.6 | 4 837.7 |
| March | 2 138.7 | 2 793.3 | 240.7 | 7.9 | 62.6 | 2 137.0 | 2 786.9 | 239.1 | 7.9 | 62.5 | 4 843.9 |
| April | 2 132.7 | 2 772.7 | 250.8 | 8.3 | 62.3 | 2 131.8 | 2 784.4 | 240.8 | 8.0 | 62.4 | 4 850.5 |
| May | 2 117.5 | 2 780.2 | 240.4 | 8.0 | 62.2 | 2 129.4 | 2 784.5 | 242.2 | 8.0 | 62.3 | 4 857.0 |
| June | 2 127.7 | 2 793.8 | 233.5 | 7.7 | 62.2 | 2 130.9 | 2 786.9 | 243.0 | 8.0 | 62.3 | 4 863.7 |
| July | 2 140.2 | 2 791.1 | 240.1 | 7.9 | 62.2 | 2 135.4 | 2 790.2 | 243.0 | 8.0 | 62.3 | 4 870.9 |
| August | 2 150.3 | 2 798.1 | 251.2 | 8.2 | 62.5 | 2 141.9 | 2 794.8 | 242.2 | 8.0 | 62.3 | 4 878.1 |
| September | 2 140.8 | 2 792.1 | 245.0 | 8.1 | 62.2 | 2 148.4 | 2 800.3 | 241.0 | 7.9 | 62.3 | 4 885.3 |
| October | 2 155.1 | 2 811.8 | 242.0 | 7.9 | 62.4 | 2 153.9 | 2 805.4 | 240.0 | 7.9 | 62.3 | 4 891.3 |
| November | 2 154.7 | 2 799.3 | 228.4 | 7.5 | 61.8 | 2 156.9 | 2 809.6 | 239.6 | 7.9 | 62.3 | 4 897.2 |
| December | 2 164.2 | 2 820.8 | 238.3 | 7.8 | 62.4 | 2 158.0 | 2 813.2 | 240.1 | 7.9 | 62.3 | 4 903.1 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 169.0 | 2 831.7 | 238.5 | 7.8 | 62.6 | 2 158.1 | 2 815.7 | 241.8 | 7.9 | 62.3 | 4 907.3 |
| February | 2 141.3 | 2 801.9 | 258.8 | 8.5 | 62.3 | 2 157.5 | 2 817.4 | 244.3 | 8.0 | 62.3 | 4 911.4 |
| March | 2 159.2 | 2 813.4 | 240.8 | 7.9 | 62.1 | 2 156.7 | 2 818.8 | 246.6 | 8.0 | 62.4 | 4 915.5 |
| April | 2 155.7 | 2 826.2 | 248.2 | 8.1 | 62.5 | 2 155.2 | 2 819.2 | 248.6 | 8.1 | 62.3 | 4 920.8 |

(a) Trend estimates for October 1996 to March 1997 have been revised.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)-Victoria(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 1 048.1 | 1 178.3 | 118.3 | 9.1 | 74.1 | 1 048.8 | 1 177.3 | 115.1 | 8.9 | 73.9 | 1 749.9 |
| March | 1 045.5 | 1 172.1 | 113.1 | 8.8 | 73.4 | 1 050.1 | 1 178.6 | 114.6 | 8.9 | 73.8 | 1 751.8 |
| April | 1 045.0 | 1 175.3 | 121.3 | 9.4 | 73.9 | 1 052.0 | 1 180.2 | 113.4 | 8.8 | 73.8 | 1 753.8 |
| May | 1 060.8 | 1 188.5 | 109.2 | 8.4 | 73.9 | 1 053.7 | 1 181.9 | 112.0 | 8.7 | 73.7 | 1 755.8 |
| June | 1 057.4 | 1 186.1 | 106.3 | 8.2 | 73.5 | 1 054.3 | 1 183.8 | 111.4 | 8.6 | 73.7 | 1 757.8 |
| July | 1 055.9 | 1 183.8 | 109.1 | 8.4 | 73.5 | 1 053.2 | 1 185.3 | 112.3 | 8.7 | 73.7 | 1 759.8 |
| August | 1 055.8 | 1 188.5 | 114.6 | 8.8 | 74.0 | 1 050.7 | 1 186.3 | 114.3 | 8.8 | 73.8 | 1 761.9 |
| September | 1 035.2 | 1 181.9 | 120.9 | 9.3 | 73.9 | 1 048.1 | 1 187.0 | 116.8 | 9.0 | 73.9 | 1 763.9 |
| October | 1 046.3 | 1 185.5 | 121.9 | 9.3 | 74.1 | 1 046.5 | 1 187.6 | 118.9 | 9.1 | 74.0 | 1 765.5 |
| November | 1 049.1 | 1 194.8 | 118.5 | 9.0 | 74.3 | 1 046.3 | 1 188.1 | 120.0 | 9.2 | 74.0 | 1 767.2 |
| December | 1 043.0 | 1 185.0 | 120.2 | 9.2 | 73.8 | 1 047.0 | 1 188.4 | 120.1 | 9.2 | 74.0 | 1 768.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 056.7 | 1 193.5 | 117.5 | 9.0 | 74.1 | 1 047.5 | 1 188.2 | 119.9 | 9.2 | 73.9 | 1 770.2 |
| February | 1 046.8 | 1 182.8 | 120.1 | 9.2 | 73.5 | 1 047.3 | 1 187.7 | 120.1 | 9.2 | 73.8 | 1 771.5 |
| March | 1 040.9 | 1 186.5 | 122.3 | 9.3 | 73.8 | 1 046.7 | 1 187.1 | 120.4 | 9.2 | 73.8 | 1 772.9 |
| April | 1 045.7 | 1 187.3 | 120.7 | 9.2 | 73.7 | 1 045.3 | 1 186.4 | 120.7 | 9.2 | 73.6 | 1 774.8 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 498.8 | 895.5 | 86.7 | 8.8 | 53.8 | 506.4 | 898.3 | 82.8 | 8.4 | 53.7 | 1 825.4 |
| March | 503.3 | 889.0 | 80.6 | 8.3 | 53.1 | 507.9 | 897.4 | 82.9 | 8.5 | 53.7 | 1 827.2 |
| April | 514.0 | 895.8 | 87.5 | 8.9 | 53.8 | 509.9 | 895.4 | 83.7 | 8.5 | 53.5 | 1 829.4 |
| May | 518.2 | 899.6 | 83.6 | 8.5 | 53.7 | 512.1 | 893.5 | 84.8 | 8.7 | 53.4 | 1 831.6 |
| June | 510.2 | 892.7 | 80.3 | 8.3 | 53.1 | 513.7 | 893.1 | 86.2 | 8.8 | 53.4 | 1 833.8 |
| July | 517.5 | 888.4 | 88.7 | 9.1 | 53.2 | 514.3 | 893.8 | 88.2 | 9.0 | 53.5 | 1 836.2 |
| August | 512.1 | 896.8 | 95.0 | 9.6 | 53.9 | 513.9 | 895.7 | 90.5 | 9.2 | 53.6 | 1 838.6 |
| September | 510.1 | 899.6 | 90.8 | 9.2 | 53.8 | 513.6 | 899.1 | 92.1 | 9.3 | 53.8 | 1 841.0 |
| October | 514.0 | 898.8 | 94.1 | 9.5 | 53.9 | 513.7 | 903.7 | 92.5 | 9.3 | 54.1 | 1 842.9 |
| November | 516.4 | 912.3 | 93.3 | 9.3 | 54.5 | 513.8 | 908.4 | 91.8 | 9.2 | 54.2 | 1 844.9 |
| December | 511.7 | 910.4 | 89.8 | 9.0 | 54.2 | 513.4 | 911.6 | 90.4 | 9.0 | 54.3 | 1 846.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 516.2 | 921.4 | 86.4 | 8.6 | 54.5 | 512.4 | 913.2 | 89.3 | 8.9 | 54.2 | 1 848.3 |
| February | 512.4 | 916.8 | 88.0 | 8.8 | 54.3 | 511.1 | 913.7 | 88.7 | 8.9 | 54.2 | 1 849.7 |
| March | 502.9 | 901.3 | 88.9 | 9.0 | 53.5 | 509.7 | 913.6 | 88.6 | 8.8 | 54.1 | 1 851.1 |
| April | 510.3 | 915.5 | 90.8 | 9.0 | 54.3 | 508.2 | 913.2 | 88.5 | 8.8 | 54.1 | 1 853.1 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 1 546.9 | 2 073.8 | 205.0 | 9.0 | 63.7 | 1 555.1 | 2 075.6 | 197.9 | 8.7 | 63.6 | 3 575.3 |
| March | 1 548.8 | 2 061.1 | 193.7 | 8.6 | 63.0 | 1 557.9 | 2 076.0 | 197.5 | 8.7 | 63.5 | 3 579.0 |
| April | 1 559.0 | 2 071.1 | 208.9 | 9.2 | 63.6 | 1 561.9 | 2 075.5 | 197.1 | 8.7 | 63.4 | 3 583.2 |
| May | 1 579.1 | 2 088.1 | 192.8 | 8.5 | 63.6 | 1 565.8 | 2 075.4 | 196.8 | 8.7 | 63.3 | 3 587.4 |
| June | 1 567.5 | 2 078.8 | 186.6 | 8.2 | 63.1 | 1 568.1 | 2 076.9 | 197.6 | 8.7 | 63.3 | 3 591.6 |
| July | 1 573.4 | 2 072.1 | 197.8 | 8.7 | 63.1 | 1 567.5 | 2 079.0 | 200.5 | 8.8 | 63.4 | 3 596.0 |
| August | 1 567.9 | 2 085.3 | 209.5 | 9.1 | 63.7 | 1 564.6 | 2 082.0 | 204.8 | 9.0 | 63.5 | 3 600.4 |
| September | 1 545.2 | 2 081.6 | 211.7 | 9.2 | 63.6 | 1 561.7 | 2 086.1 | 208.9 | 9.1 | 63.7 | 3 604.9 |
| October | 1 560.3 | 2 084.3 | 216.0 | 9.4 | 63.7 | 1 560.2 | 2 091.3 | 211.4 | 9.2 | 63.8 | 3 608.5 |
| November | 1 565.5 | 2 107.1 | 211.8 | 9.1 | 64.2 | 1 560.2 | 2 096.5 | 211.8 | 9.2 | 63.9 | 3 612.0 |
| December | 1 554.8 | 2 095.4 | 210.0 | 9.1 | 63.8 | 1 560.4 | 2 100.0 | 210.4 | 9.1 | 63.9 | 3 615.7 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 572.9 | 2 114.8 | 203.9 | 8.8 | 64.1 | 1 559.9 | 2 101.4 | 209.2 | 9.1 | 63.9 | 3 618.4 |
| February | 1 559.2 | 2 099.6 | 208.1 | 9.0 | 63.7 | 1 558.3 | 2 101.3 | 208.8 | 9.0 | 63.8 | 3 621.2 |
| March | 1 543.7 | 2 087.8 | 211.2 | 9.2 | 63.4 | 1 556.4 | 2 100.7 | 208.9 | 9.0 | 63.7 | 3 624.0 |
| April | 1 556.0 | 2 102.8 | 211.5 | 9.1 | 63.8 | 1 553.5 | 2 099.5 | 209.2 | 9.1 | 63.6 | 3 627.9 |

(a) Trend estimates for October 1996 to March 1997 have been revised.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)-Queensland(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 785.1 | 875.1 | 85.9 | 8.9 | 74.9 | 779.0 | 873.0 | 90.8 | 9.4 | 75.1 | 1 282.7 |
| March | 780.4 | 874.3 | 89.4 | 9.3 | 75.0 | 781.5 | 876.7 | 88.9 | 9.2 | 75.1 | 1 285.6 |
| April | 782.7 | 881.2 | 88.9 | 9.2 | 75.3 | 782.1 | 879.3 | 88.2 | 9.1 | 75.1 | 1 288.8 |
| May | 783.9 | 883.4 | 86.4 | 8.9 | 75.1 | 781.4 | 880.6 | 88.9 | 9.2 | 75.0 | 1 292.1 |
| June | 774.6 | 878.5 | 91.5 | 9.4 | 74.9 | 780.5 | 880.8 | 90.5 | 9.3 | 75.0 | 1 295.4 |
| July | 782.0 | 883.8 | 88.7 | 9.1 | 74.9 | 780.0 | 880.4 | 92.2 | 9.5 | 74.9 | 1 297.8 |
| August | 778.8 | 876.1 | 99.5 | 10.2 | 75.0 | 780.3 | 880.2 | 93.3 | 9.6 | 74.9 | 1 300.3 |
| September | 781.2 | 880.3 | 93.3 | 9.6 | 74.7 | 781.3 | 880.6 | 93.5 | 9.6 | 74.8 | 1 302.7 |
| October | 781.4 | 876.5 | 97.0 | 10.0 | 74.6 | 782.0 | 881.1 | 93.6 | 9.6 | 74.7 | 1 305.2 |
| November | 783.2 | 886.8 | 86.5 | 8.9 | 74.4 | 781.6 | 881.3 | 93.8 | 9.6 | 74.6 | 1 307.7 |
| December | 783.4 | 882.0 | 93.6 | 9.6 | 74.5 | 779.7 | 880.5 | 94.5 | 9.7 | 74.4 | 1 310.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 774.5 | 882.4 | 97.3 | 9.9 | 74.6 | 776.7 | 878.9 | 95.8 | 9.8 | 74.3 | 1 312.6 |
| February | 777.9 | 874.2 | 97.4 | 10.0 | 73.9 | 773.2 | 876.8 | 97.4 | 10.0 | 74.1 | 1 315.0 |
| March | 762.2 | 867.9 | 104.0 | 10.7 | 73.8 | 769.7 | 874.7 | 98.9 | 10.2 | 73.9 | 1 317.4 |
| April | 766.4 | 876.3 | 96.3 | 9.9 | 73.7 | 766.5 | 873.0 | 99.9 | 10.3 | 73.7 | 1 319.7 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 375.9 | 647.9 | 63.2 | 8.9 | 54.4 | 372.2 | 647.3 | 63.7 | 9.0 | 54.4 | 1 306.2 |
| March | 368.9 | 641.7 | 61.4 | 8.7 | 53.7 | 370.6 | 645.2 | 64.8 | 9.1 | 54.2 | 1 309.2 |
| April | 368.0 | 639.1 | 68.7 | 9.7 | 53.9 | 369.8 | 644.7 | 65.9 | 9.3 | 54.2 | 1 312.2 |
| May | 370.5 | 646.4 | 68.9 | 9.6 | 54.4 | 370.3 | 646.8 | 66.9 | 9.4 | 54.3 | 1 315.2 |
| June | 368.6 | 651.6 | 67.2 | 9.3 | 54.5 | 372.2 | 650.8 | 67.4 | 9.4 | 54.5 | 1 318.2 |
| July | 373.9 | 656.9 | 66.8 | 9.2 | 54.8 | 375.1 | 655.2 | 67.4 | 9.3 | 54.7 | 1 320.8 |
| August | 381.8 | 661.6 | 66.8 | 9.2 | 55.0 | 378.3 | 658.4 | 67.4 | 9.3 | 54.8 | 1 323.4 |
| September | 382.8 | 662.3 | 67.1 | 9.2 | 55.0 | 380.4 | 660.0 | 67.8 | 9.3 | 54.9 | 1 326.1 |
| October | 381.9 | 660.3 | 69.4 | 9.5 | 54.9 | 380.9 | 660.6 | 68.7 | 9.4 | 54.9 | 1 328.7 |
| November | 378.0 | 657.4 | 67.7 | 9.3 | 54.5 | 380.1 | 661.2 | 69.6 | 9.5 | 54.9 | 1 331.4 |
| December | 382.4 | 662.1 | 70.0 | 9.6 | 54.9 | 378.5 | 662.6 | 70.1 | 9.6 | 54.9 | 1 334.1 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 370.4 | 659.4 | 75.4 | 10.3 | 55.0 | 377.0 | 664.8 | 69.9 | 9.5 | 55.0 | 1 336.7 |
| February | 377.9 | 675.5 | 69.0 | 9.3 | 55.6 | 375.9 | 667.4 | 69.1 | 9.4 | 55.0 | 1 339.3 |
| March | 375.5 | 669.5 | 64.3 | 8.8 | 54.7 | 375.3 | 669.9 | 68.2 | 9.2 | 55.0 | 1 341.9 |
| April | 375.6 | 671.5 | 66.4 | 9.0 | 54.9 | 374.9 | 672.0 | 67.1 | 9.1 | 55.0 | 1 344.1 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 1 161.0 | 1 523.0 | 149.2 | 8.9 | 64.6 | 1 151.3 | 1 520.3 | 154.5 | 9.2 | 64.7 | 2 588.9 |
| March | 1 149.3 | 1 516.0 | 150.8 | 9.0 | 64.2 | 1 152.1 | 1 521.8 | 153.7 | 9.2 | 64.6 | 2 594.8 |
| April | 1 150.7 | 1 520.3 | 157.6 | 9.4 | 64.5 | 1 151.9 | 1 524.1 | 154.1 | 9.2 | 64.5 | 2 601.0 |
| May | 1 154.4 | 1 529.7 | 155.4 | 9.2 | 64.6 | 1 151.7 | 1 527.4 | 155.8 | 9.3 | 64.6 | 2 607.3 |
| June | 1 143.2 | 1 530.1 | 158.7 | 9.4 | 64.6 | 1 152.6 | 1 531.6 | 157.9 | 9.3 | 64.6 | 2 613.5 |
| July | 1 155.9 | 1 540.7 | 155.5 | 9.2 | 64.8 | 1 155.2 | 1 535.7 | 159.6 | 9.4 | 64.7 | 2 618.6 |
| August | 1 160.6 | 1 537.7 | 166.3 | 9.8 | 64.9 | 1 158.6 | 1 538.6 | 160.7 | 9.5 | 64.8 | 2 623.7 |
| September | 1 163.9 | 1 542.7 | 160.3 | 9.4 | 64.8 | 1 161.6 | 1 540.6 | 161.4 | 9.5 | 64.7 | 2 628.8 |
| October | 1 163.3 | 1 536.9 | 166.4 | 9.8 | 64.7 | 1 162.9 | 1 541.7 | 162.3 | 9.5 | 64.7 | 2 634.0 |
| November | 1 161.2 | 1 544.2 | 154.3 | 9.1 | 64.4 | 1 161.7 | 1 542.5 | 163.4 | 9.6 | 64.6 | 2 639.1 |
| December | 1 165.8 | 1 544.2 | 163.6 | 9.6 | 64.6 | 1 158.1 | 1 543.1 | 164.6 | 9.6 | 64.6 | 2 644.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 144.9 | 1 541.8 | 172.7 | 10.1 | 64.7 | 1 153.6 | 1 543.7 | 165.7 | 9.7 | 64.5 | 2 649.3 |
| February | 1 155.8 | 1 549.7 | 166.4 | 9.7 | 64.7 | 1 149.1 | 1 544.2 | 166.6 | 9.7 | 64.5 | 2 654.3 |
| March | 1 137.7 | 1 537.4 | 168.3 | 9.9 | 64.1 | 1 144.9 | 1 544.5 | 167.1 | 9.8 | 64.4 | 2 659.3 |
| April | 1 142.0 | 1 547.8 | 162.8 | 9.5 | 64.2 | 1 141.4 | 1 545.0 | 167.0 | 9.8 | 64.3 | 2 663.8 |

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)-South Australia(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | TREND | | | | | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % | '000s |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 326.5 | 370.8 | 43.8 | 10.6 | 71.9 | 326.3 | 370.7 | 42.3 | 10.2 | 71.6 | 576.5 |
| March | 326.0 | 369.3 | 42.4 | 10.3 | 71.4 | 325.5 | 370.3 | 42.3 | 10.2 | 71.5 | 576.7 |
| April | 323.6 | 370.6 | 43.0 | 10.4 | 71.7 | 324.6 | 369.9 | 42.0 | 10.2 | 71.4 | 577.0 |
| May | 323.4 | 366.8 | 42.4 | 10.4 | 70.9 | 323.3 | 369.6 | 41.6 | 10.1 | 71.2 | 577.3 |
| June | 321.9 | 371.3 | 38.9 | 9.5 | 71.0 | 322.0 | 369.3 | 41.2 | 10.0 | 71.1 | 577.6 |
| July | 323.4 | 370.7 | 40.2 | 9.8 | 71.1 | 320.7 | 368.9 | 41.0 | 10.0 | 70.9 | 578.0 |
| August | 318.4 | 368.2 | 41.7 | 10.2 | 70.9 | 319.7 | 368.4 | 41.2 | 10.1 | 70.8 | 578.4 |
| September | 317.1 | 365.9 | 42.6 | 10.4 | 70.6 | 319.4 | 367.8 | 41.5 | 10.1 | 70.7 | 578.8 |
| October | 318.9 | 367.2 | 41.2 | 10.1 | 70.5 | 319.5 | 367.6 | 41.7 | 10.2 | 70.7 | 579.1 |
| November | 320.8 | 368.1 | 42.8 | 10.4 | 70.9 | 320.1 | 367.7 | 41.7 | 10.2 | 70.6 | 579.5 |
| December | 321.6 | 368.8 | 41.4 | 10.1 | 70.7 | 320.7 | 368.2 | 41.6 | 10.2 | 70.7 | 579.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 323.1 | 368.0 | 40.7 | 10.0 | 70.5 | 321.3 | 368.9 | 41.6 | 10.1 | 70.8 | 580.0 |
| February | 320.5 | 369.0 | 41.4 | 10.1 | 70.7 | 321.5 | 369.5 | 41.9 | 10.2 | 70.9 | 580.3 |
| March | 320.2 | 372.4 | 42.0 | 10.1 | 71.4 | 321.6 | 369.9 | 42.3 | 10.3 | 71.0 | 580.5 |
| April | 322.1 | 368.7 | 44.5 | 10.8 | 71.1 | 321.5 | 370.2 | 42.7 | 10.4 | 71.1 | 580.8 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 147.9 | 283.8 | 26.5 | 8.5 | 51.9 | 149.8 | 286.3 | 26.1 | 8.4 | 52.3 | 597.5 |
| March | 149.3 | 288.4 | 25.7 | 8.2 | 52.5 | 149.7 | 287.8 | 26.2 | 8.4 | 52.5 | 597.7 |
| April | 149.4 | 290.8 | 26.2 | 8.3 | 53.0 | 149.8 | 289.0 | 26.4 | 8.4 | 52.8 | 598.0 |
| May | 152.2 | 290.7 | 27.2 | 8.6 | 53.1 | 150.1 | 290.2 | 26.7 | 8.4 | 53.0 | 598.2 |
| June | 149.7 | 290.7 | 25.8 | 8.1 | 52.9 | 150.6 | 291.0 | 27.0 | 8.5 | 53.1 | 598.5 |
| July | 151.0 | 291.1 | 27.6 | 8.7 | 53.2 | 150.8 | 291.3 | 27.3 | 8.6 | 53.2 | 598.9 |
| August | 150.2 | 290.4 | 28.5 | 8.9 | 53.2 | 150.8 | 291.2 | 27.6 | 8.7 | 53.2 | 599.2 |
| September | 151.1 | 290.4 | 27.9 | 8.8 | 53.1 | 150.6 | 291.0 | 27.7 | 8.7 | 53.1 | 599.6 |
| October | 151.6 | 294.8 | 27.6 | 8.6 | 53.7 | 150.4 | 290.8 | 27.7 | 8.7 | 53.1 | 599.9 |
| November | 148.2 | 288.6 | 26.5 | 8.4 | 52.5 | 150.2 | 290.9 | 27.5 | 8.6 | 53.1 | 600.2 |
| December | 150.5 | 289.0 | 28.4 | 8.9 | 52.9 | 150.2 | 291.2 | 27.4 | 8.6 | 53.1 | 600.5 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 150.6 | 291.7 | 26.6 | 8.4 | 53.0 | 150.1 | 291.8 | 27.2 | 8.5 | 53.1 | 600.7 |
| February | 150.1 | 293.7 | 27.0 | 8.4 | 53.4 | 150.2 | 292.4 | 27.2 | 8.5 | 53.2 | 601.0 |
| March | 150.1 | 295.1 | 28.0 | 8.7 | 53.7 | 150.3 | 293.0 | 27.1 | 8.5 | 53.3 | 601.2 |
| April | 150.6 | 292.1 | 26.6 | 8.3 | 53.0 | 150.4 | 293.4 | 27.1 | 8.5 | 53.3 | 601.5 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 474.4 | 654.7 | 70.3 | 9.7 | 61.8 | 476.1 | 657.0 | 68.4 | 9.4 | 61.8 | 1 173.9 |
| March | 475.3 | 657.7 | 68.1 | 9.4 | 61.8 | 475.3 | 658.0 | 68.5 | 9.4 | 61.9 | 1 174.4 |
| April | 473.0 | 661.4 | 69.2 | 9.5 | 62.2 | 474.3 | 659.0 | 68.5 | 9.4 | 61.9 | 1 175.0 |
| May | 475.5 | 657.5 | 69.6 | 9.6 | 61.9 | 473.4 | 659.8 | 68.3 | 9.4 | 61.9 | 1 175.6 |
| June | 471.8 | 662.0 | 64.7 | 8.9 | 61.8 | 472.8 | 660.3 | 68.2 | 9.4 | 61.9 | 1 176.1 |
| July | 474.4 | 661.8 | 67.8 | 9.3 | 62.0 | 471.8 | 660.2 | 68.4 | 9.4 | 61.9 | 1 176.9 |
| August | 468.6 | 658.6 | 70.2 | 9.6 | 61.9 | 470.5 | 659.6 | 68.8 | 9.4 | 61.9 | 1 177.6 |
| September | 468.2 | 656.3 | 70.5 | 9.7 | 61.7 | 469.9 | 658.8 | 69.2 | 9.5 | 61.8 | 1 178.4 |
| October | 470.5 | 662.0 | 68.7 | 9.4 | 62.0 | 469.9 | 658.4 | 69.3 | 9.5 | 61.7 | 1 179.0 |
| November | 469.0 | 656.7 | 69.3 | 9.5 | 61.5 | 470.3 | 658.6 | 69.2 | 9.5 | 61.7 | 1 179.6 |
| December | 472.0 | 657.8 | 69.8 | 9.6 | 61.6 | 470.9 | 659.4 | 69.0 | 9.5 | 61.7 | 1 180.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 473.6 | 659.7 | 67.3 | 9.3 | 61.6 | 471.4 | 660.7 | 68.9 | 9.4 | 61.8 | 1 180.8 |
| February | 470.6 | 662.7 | 68.4 | 9.4 | 61.9 | 471.7 | 661.9 | 69.1 | 9.4 | 61.9 | 1 181.2 |
| March | 470.3 | 667.5 | 69.9 | 9.5 | 62.4 | 471.9 | 662.9 | 69.4 | 9.5 | 62.0 | 1 181.7 |
| April | 472.8 | 660.8 | 71.0 | 9.7 | 61.9 | 471.9 | 663.6 | 69.9 | 9.5 | 62.0 | 1 182.3 |

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)-Western Australia(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemp- loyment rate | Partic- ipation rate | | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemp- loyment rate | Partic- ipation rate | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Month | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % | | '000s | '000s | '000s | % | % | '000s |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 427.6 | 476.2 | 41.4 | 8.0 | 76.4 | | 426.3 | 476.8 | 40.6 | 7.9 | 76.4 | 677.2 |
| March | 426.7 | 477.6 | 41.9 | 8.1 | 76.6 | | 426.2 | 476.9 | 41.1 | 7.9 | 76.4 | 678.4 |
| April | 425.4 | 477.3 | 39.5 | 7.6 | 76.0 | | 426.4 | 477.4 | 41.3 | 8.0 | 76.3 | 679.6 |
| May | 426.5 | 478.9 | 41.1 | 7.9 | 76.4 | | 426.8 | 478.2 | 41.5 | 8.0 | 76.3 | 680.8 |
| June | 425.7 | 477.4 | 43.0 | 8.3 | 76.3 | | 427.2 | 479.2 | 41.7 | 8.0 | 76.4 | 682.1 |
| July | 432.1 | 481.4 | 40.7 | 7.8 | 76.4 | | 427.5 | 479.9 | 42.1 | 8.1 | 76.4 | 683.4 |
| August | 426.1 | 481.3 | 43.3 | 8.3 | 76.6 | | 427.7 | 480.5 | 42.4 | 8.1 | 76.4 | 684.7 |
| September | 426.0 | 480.4 | 41.9 | 8.0 | 76.1 | | 428.1 | 481.2 | 42.5 | 8.1 | 76.3 | 686.0 |
| October | 430.3 | 484.0 | 42.8 | 8.1 | 76.6 | | 428.8 | 482.3 | 42.1 | 8.0 | 76.3 | 687.3 |
| November | 429.9 | 480.3 | 41.9 | 8.0 | 75.8 | | 429.9 | 483.8 | 41.3 | 7.9 | 76.3 | 688.6 |
| December | 428.5 | 483.7 | 41.3 | 7.9 | 76.1 | | 431.2 | 485.7 | 40.2 | 7.6 | 76.2 | 689.9 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 434.3 | 491.4 | 36.7 | 7.0 | 76.4 | | 432.5 | 487.7 | 39.1 | 7.4 | 76.2 | 691.0 |
| February | 435.9 | 491.2 | 38.4 | 7.3 | 76.5 | | 433.6 | 489.5 | 38.0 | 7.2 | 76.2 | 692.1 |
| March | 433.0 | 490.2 | 37.4 | 7.1 | 76.1 | | 434.4 | 490.8 | 37.1 | 7.0 | 76.2 | 693.2 |
| April | 434.6 | 490.4 | 36.2 | 6.9 | 75.8 | | 434.9 | 491.7 | 36.4 | 6.9 | 76.0 | 694.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 193.0 | 359.1 | 29.4 | 7.6 | 56.9 | | 191.0 | 351.9 | 28.4 | 7.5 | 55.7 | 683.2 |
| March | 194.2 | 354.5 | 27.6 | 7.2 | 55.8 | | 192.5 | 352.3 | 27.9 | 7.3 | 55.5 | 684.5 |
| April | 195.4 | 346.5 | 25.1 | 6.8 | 54.2 | | 194.0 | 353.5 | 27.7 | 7.3 | 55.6 | 685.8 |
| May | 192.6 | 356.5 | 27.9 | 7.3 | 56.0 | | 195.5 | 355.6 | 27.8 | 7.3 | 55.8 | 687.1 |
| June | 195.2 | 356.2 | 29.3 | 7.6 | 56.0 | | 196.6 | 358.0 | 28.0 | 7.3 | 56.1 | 688.4 |
| July | 197.3 | 360.9 | 29.1 | 7.5 | 56.5 | | 197.5 | 360.5 | 28.1 | 7.2 | 56.3 | 689.9 |
| August | 201.4 | 367.9 | 28.6 | 7.2 | 57.4 | | 198.1 | 362.7 | 28.1 | 7.2 | 56.5 | 691.4 |
| September | 200.1 | 365.3 | 27.3 | 7.0 | 56.7 | | 198.3 | 364.4 | 28.1 | 7.1 | 56.6 | 692.8 |
| October | 194.3 | 360.8 | 27.4 | 7.1 | 55.9 | | 197.8 | 365.1 | 28.3 | 7.2 | 56.7 | 694.2 |
| November | 195.3 | 364.0 | 27.8 | 7.1 | 56.3 | | 196.5 | 365.1 | 29.0 | 7.4 | 56.7 | 695.5 |
| December | 197.6 | 366.5 | 29.6 | 7.5 | 56.8 | | 194.8 | 364.7 | 30.0 | 7.6 | 56.6 | 696.9 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 194.8 | 364.5 | 33.4 | 8.4 | 57.0 | | 193.2 | 364.0 | 31.0 | 7.8 | 56.6 | 698.0 |
| February | 189.7 | 366.5 | 32.3 | 8.1 | 57.0 | | 191.8 | 362.9 | 31.7 | 8.0 | 56.5 | 699.1 |
| March | 187.8 | 359.4 | 31.6 | 8.1 | 55.8 | | 190.6 | 361.6 | 32.3 | 8.2 | 56.2 | 700.3 |
| April | 191.7 | 356.8 | 31.5 | 8.1 | 55.4 | | 189.9 | 360.3 | 32.5 | 8.3 | 56.0 | 701.6 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 620.6 | 835.3 | 70.8 | 7.8 | 66.6 | | 617.2 | 828.7 | 69.0 | 7.7 | 66.0 | 1360.4 |
| March | 620.9 | 832.1 | 69.5 | 7.7 | 66.2 | | 618.6 | 829.3 | 69.0 | 7.7 | 65.9 | 1362.9 |
| April | 620.8 | 823.8 | 64.7 | 7.3 | 65.1 | | 620.4 | 831.0 | 69.0 | 7.7 | 65.9 | 1365.4 |
| May | 619.1 | 835.4 | 69.1 | 7.6 | 66.1 | | 622.2 | 833.8 | 69.3 | 7.7 | 66.0 | 1368.0 |
| June | 620.9 | 833.6 | 72.4 | 8.0 | 66.1 | | 623.8 | 837.2 | 69.8 | 7.7 | 66.2 | 1370.5 |
| July | 629.3 | 842.3 | 69.8 | 7.6 | 66.4 | | 624.9 | 840.4 | 70.2 | 7.7 | 66.3 | 1373.3 |
| August | 627.6 | 849.2 | 71.9 | 7.8 | 66.9 | | 625.8 | 843.2 | 70.5 | 7.7 | 66.4 | 1376.1 |
| September | 626.1 | 845.7 | 69.2 | 7.6 | 66.3 | | 626.5 | 845.5 | 70.5 | 7.7 | 66.4 | 1378.9 |
| October | 624.6 | 844.8 | 70.2 | 7.7 | 66.2 | | 626.6 | 847.4 | 70.4 | 7.7 | 66.4 | 1381.5 |
| November | 625.2 | 844.3 | 69.7 | 7.6 | 66.0 | | 626.3 | 849.0 | 70.3 | 7.6 | 66.4 | 1384.1 |
| December | 626.0 | 850.2 | 70.9 | 7.7 | 66.4 | | 626.0 | 850.4 | 70.2 | 7.6 | 66.4 | 1386.7 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 629.1 | 855.9 | 70.1 | 7.6 | 66.7 | | 625.7 | 851.7 | 70.1 | 7.6 | 66.4 | 1389.0 |
| February | 625.6 | 857.7 | 70.8 | 7.6 | 66.7 | | 625.4 | 852.4 | 69.8 | 7.6 | 66.3 | 1391.2 |
| March | 620.8 | 849.6 | 69.0 | 7.5 | 65.9 | | 625.1 | 852.5 | 69.4 | 7.5 | 66.2 | 1393.5 |
| April | 626.3 | 847.3 | 67.8 | 7.4 | 65.5 | | 624.8 | 852.1 | 68.9 | 7.5 | 66.0 | 1396.1 |

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Tasmania(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 103.0 | 116.6 | 14.1 | 10.8 | 72.2 | 101.8 | 115.3 | 14.4 | 11.1 | 71.7 | 181.0 |
| March | 100.9 | 115.2 | 14.8 | 11.4 | 71.8 | 101.6 | 115.5 | 14.7 | 11.3 | 71.9 | 181.1 |
| April | 101.3 | 115.7 | 15.0 | 11.5 | 72.2 | 101.4 | 115.6 | 14.9 | 11.4 | 72.1 | 181.1 |
| May | 100.6 | 114.6 | 14.8 | 11.4 | 71.5 | 101.2 | 115.7 | 15.0 | 11.5 | 72.1 | 181.1 |
| June | 101.0 | 116.0 | 15.1 | 11.5 | 72.4 | 101.2 | 115.8 | 15.0 | 11.5 | 72.2 | 181.1 |
| July | 100.5 | 115.1 | 15.3 | 11.8 | 72.0 | 101.2 | 115.9 | 14.8 | 11.3 | 72.1 | 181.2 |
| August | 102.9 | 117.7 | 14.1 | 10.7 | 72.7 | 101.2 | 115.9 | 14.6 | 11.2 | 71.9 | 181.3 |
| September | 101.2 | 115.6 | 14.4 | 11.1 | 71.7 | 101.0 | 115.6 | 14.3 | 11.0 | 71.6 | 181.4 |
| October | 99.9 | 114.4 | 14.2 | 11.1 | 70.9 | 100.6 | 115.1 | 14.0 | 10.9 | 71.1 | 181.5 |
| November | 100.0 | 114.8 | 12.8 | 10.1 | 70.3 | 100.1 | 114.4 | 13.9 | 10.8 | 70.7 | 181.5 |
| December | 99.4 | 113.0 | 14.7 | 11.5 | 70.3 | 99.7 | 113.7 | 13.9 | 10.9 | 70.3 | 181.6 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 98.7 | 113.4 | 13.6 | 10.7 | 69.9 | 99.2 | 113.1 | 14.1 | 11.1 | 70.1 | 181.6 |
| February | 100.2 | 112.1 | 14.7 | 11.6 | 69.8 | 98.9 | 112.7 | 14.3 | 11.3 | 69.9 | 181.6 |
| March | 98.6 | 113.4 | 14.0 | 11.0 | 70.1 | 98.5 | 112.3 | 14.5 | 11.4 | 69.9 | 181.6 |
| April | 97.0 | 111.5 | 15.4 | 12.1 | 69.8 | 98.2 | 112.1 | 14.8 | 11.6 | 69.8 | 181.6 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 43.4 | 86.8 | 8.3 | 8.8 | 50.8 | 43.6 | 86.5 | 8.3 | 8.8 | 50.7 | 187.2 |
| March | 43.0 | 85.6 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 50.5 | 43.4 | 86.1 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 50.5 | 187.2 |
| April | 44.8 | 86.5 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 50.3 | 43.2 | 85.8 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 50.4 | 187.3 |
| May | 42.7 | 84.9 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 50.0 | 42.9 | 85.6 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 50.3 | 187.3 |
| June | 42.8 | 85.7 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 50.7 | 42.5 | 85.4 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 50.4 | 187.3 |
| July | 40.8 | 85.1 | 9.6 | 10.1 | 50.5 | 42.2 | 85.2 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 50.4 | 187.4 |
| August | 42.1 | 85.6 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 50.5 | 42.1 | 85.0 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 50.4 | 187.5 |
| September | 41.9 | 84.0 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 49.8 | 42.1 | 84.7 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 50.2 | 187.6 |
| October | 42.6 | 85.3 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 50.6 | 42.2 | 84.4 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 50.0 | 187.6 |
| November | 43.1 | 84.0 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 49.8 | 42.1 | 84.1 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 49.8 | 187.7 |
| December | 41.6 | 82.6 | 9.0 | 9.8 | 48.8 | 41.8 | 83.8 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 49.6 | 187.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 41.1 | 84.5 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 49.9 | 41.5 | 83.5 | 9.3 | 10.1 | 49.4 | 187.8 |
| February | 40.6 | 83.3 | 9.5 | 10.3 | 49.4 | 41.2 | 83.3 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 49.3 | 187.8 |
| March | 40.6 | 82.6 | 9.7 | 10.5 | 49.2 | 41.0 | 83.1 | 9.1 | 9.9 | 49.1 | 187.8 |
| April | 42.0 | 83.3 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 48.7 | 41.0 | 83.0 | 9.0 | 9.8 | 49.0 | 187.8 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 146.4 | 203.5 | 22.4 | 9.9 | 61.4 | 145.4 | 201.8 | 22.8 | 10.1 | 61.0 | 368.2 |
| March | 143.9 | 200.8 | 23.7 | 10.6 | 60.9 | 145.1 | 201.6 | 23.1 | 10.3 | 61.0 | 368.3 |
| April | 146.1 | 202.2 | 22.7 | 10.1 | 61.0 | 144.6 | 201.4 | 23.4 | 10.4 | 61.0 | 368.4 |
| May | 143.3 | 199.5 | 23.5 | 10.5 | 60.5 | 144.1 | 201.3 | 23.7 | 10.5 | 61.1 | 368.4 |
| June | 143.8 | 201.7 | 24.4 | 10.8 | 61.4 | 143.6 | 201.2 | 24.0 | 10.6 | 61.1 | 368.4 |
| July | 141.3 | 200.2 | 24.9 | 11.1 | 61.1 | 143.4 | 201.1 | 24.1 | 10.7 | 61.1 | 368.6 |
| August | 145.0 | 203.3 | 23.2 | 10.2 | 61.4 | 143.3 | 200.9 | 24.0 | 10.7 | 61.0 | 368.8 |
| September | 143.2 | 199.6 | 23.9 | 10.7 | 60.6 | 143.1 | 200.3 | 23.7 | 10.6 | 60.7 | 369.0 |
| October | 142.5 | 199.6 | 24.0 | 10.7 | 60.6 | 142.7 | 199.5 | 23.5 | 10.5 | 60.4 | 369.1 |
| November | 143.1 | 198.8 | 22.3 | 10.1 | 59.9 | 142.2 | 198.4 | 23.3 | 10.5 | 60.1 | 369.2 |
| December | 141.0 | 195.6 | 23.7 | 10.8 | 59.4 | 141.4 | 197.4 | 23.3 | 10.6 | 59.8 | 369.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 139.8 | 197.8 | 22.9 | 10.4 | 59.8 | 140.7 | 196.6 | 23.4 | 10.6 | 59.6 | 369.4 |
| February | 140.8 | 195.4 | 24.2 | 11.0 | 59.5 | 140.1 | 196.0 | 23.6 | 10.7 | 59.4 | 369.4 |
| March | 139.2 | 196.0 | 23.7 | 10.8 | 59.5 | 139.5 | 195.5 | 23.7 | 10.8 | 59.3 | 369.4 |
| April | 139.1 | 194.7 | 23.6 | 10.8 | 59.1 | 139.1 | 195.0 | 23.8 | 10.9 | 59.2 | 369.5 |

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)-Northern Territory(a)

TREND.....

| Month | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| MALES | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| February | 39.9 | 46.1 | 3.4 | 6.9 | 78.2 | 63.3 |
| March | 39.8 | 45.7 | 3.3 | 6.8 | 77.3 | 63.5 |
| April | 39.8 | 45.4 | 3.2 | 6.6 | 76.4 | 63.6 |
| May | 39.9 | 45.3 | 3.1 | 6.4 | 75.9 | 63.8 |
| June | 40.1 | 45.5 | 2.9 | 6.1 | 75.6 | 64.0 |
| July | 40.3 | 45.8 | 2.7 | 5.6 | 75.8 | 64.0 |
| August | 40.4 | 46.0 | 2.5 | 5.2 | 75.8 | 64.0 |
| September | 40.2 | 46.1 | 2.3 | 4.8 | 75.6 | 64.0 |
| October | 40.0 | 46.0 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 75.2 | 64.2 |
| November | 39.8 | 45.8 | 2.3 | 4.9 | 74.8 | 64.3 |
| December | 39.8 | 45.6 | 2.5 | 5.2 | 74.6 | 64.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| January | 39.7 | 45.5 | 2.6 | 5.5 | 74.5 | 64.5 |
| February | 39.7 | 45.4 | 2.8 | 5.8 | 74.5 | 64.7 |
| March | 39.5 | 45.3 | 2.9 | 6.0 | 74.4 | 64.8 |
| April | 39.4 | 45.3 | 3.0 | 6.1 | 74.4 | 64.8 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| February | 24.3 | 37.2 | 2.7 | 6.8 | 64.8 | 61.6 |
| March | 24.5 | 37.3 | 2.9 | 7.3 | 65.1 | 61.8 |
| April | 24.7 | 37.3 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 65.1 | 62.0 |
| May | 24.9 | 37.4 | 3.0 | 7.5 | 65.1 | 62.1 |
| June | 25.2 | 37.5 | 2.9 | 7.1 | 64.9 | 62.3 |
| July | 25.3 | 37.7 | 2.6 | 6.5 | 64.8 | 62.3 |
| August | 25.4 | 37.8 | 2.4 | 5.9 | 64.5 | 62.4 |
| September | 25.2 | 37.7 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 64.0 | 62.4 |
| October | 24.8 | 37.5 | 2.1 | 5.3 | 63.2 | 62.6 |
| November | 24.2 | 37.2 | 2.0 | 5.2 | 62.5 | 62.8 |
| December | 23.7 | 37.0 | 2.0 | 5.1 | 62.0 | 63.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| January | 23.5 | 37.0 | 2.1 | 5.3 | 61.8 | 63.1 |
| February | 23.4 | 37.0 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 61.9 | 63.3 |
| March | 23.4 | 37.1 | 2.3 | 5.9 | 62.1 | 63.5 |
| April | 23.5 | 37.3 | 2.5 | 6.2 | 62.5 | 63.6 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| February | 64.2 | 83.3 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 71.6 | 124.9 |
| March | 64.4 | 83.0 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 71.3 | 125.3 |
| April | 64.5 | 82.7 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 70.8 | 125.6 |
| May | 64.9 | 82.7 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 70.5 | 125.9 |
| June | 65.3 | 83.0 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 70.3 | 126.3 |
| July | 65.7 | 83.5 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 70.3 | 126.3 |
| August | 65.8 | 83.9 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 70.2 | 126.4 |
| September | 65.4 | 83.8 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 69.9 | 126.5 |
| October | 64.7 | 83.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 69.3 | 126.8 |
| November | 64.0 | 83.0 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 68.7 | 127.1 |
| December | 63.5 | 82.6 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 68.4 | 127.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| January | 63.2 | 82.4 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 68.2 | 127.7 |
| February | 63.0 | 82.4 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 68.3 | 128.0 |
| March | 62.9 | 82.5 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 68.4 | 128.2 |
| April | 62.9 | 82.6 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 68.5 | 128.4 |

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Australian Capital Territory(a)

TREND.....

| Month | Employed full time '000s | Total employed '000s | Total unemployed '000s | Unemp- loyment rate % | Partic- ipation rate % | Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| MALES | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| February | 73.2 | 83.9 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 80.3 | 113.6 |
| March | 73.1 | 83.7 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 80.1 | 113.7 |
| April | 73.1 | 83.6 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 80.1 | 113.8 |
| May | 73.0 | 83.6 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 80.0 | 113.8 |
| June | 72.9 | 83.6 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 80.0 | 113.9 |
| July | 72.8 | 83.5 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 79.8 | 114.1 |
| August | 72.7 | 83.3 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 79.5 | 114.3 |
| September | 72.4 | 83.0 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 79.1 | 114.5 |
| October | 72.1 | 82.6 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 78.8 | 114.6 |
| November | 71.8 | 82.3 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 78.6 | 114.7 |
| December | 71.6 | 82.1 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 78.4 | 114.9 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| January | 71.4 | 82.1 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 78.2 | 115.0 |
| February | 71.4 | 82.3 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 78.1 | 115.1 |
| March | 71.4 | 82.5 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 78.1 | 115.3 |
| April | 71.4 | 82.8 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 78.1 | 115.3 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| February | 44.6 | 73.1 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 66.9 | 118.1 |
| March | 44.3 | 72.7 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 66.7 | 118.2 |
| April | 44.0 | 72.4 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 66.5 | 118.3 |
| May | 43.8 | 72.1 | 6.5 | 8.2 | 66.4 | 118.4 |
| June | 43.7 | 71.9 | 6.6 | 8.5 | 66.2 | 118.5 |
| July | 43.6 | 71.6 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 66.0 | 118.7 |
| August | 43.4 | 71.1 | 6.7 | 8.7 | 65.5 | 118.9 |
| September | 43.0 | 70.5 | 6.7 | 8.7 | 64.9 | 119.0 |
| October | 42.7 | 70.0 | 6.6 | 8.6 | 64.3 | 119.1 |
| November | 42.7 | 70.0 | 6.3 | 8.3 | 64.0 | 119.2 |
| December | 43.1 | 70.5 | 5.9 | 7.8 | 64.1 | 119.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| January | 44.0 | 71.5 | 5.5 | 7.1 | 64.5 | 119.3 |
| February | 45.1 | 72.7 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 65.1 | 119.4 |
| March | 46.2 | 73.9 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 65.8 | 119.4 |
| April | 47.3 | 75.0 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 66.5 | 119.4 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| February | 117.8 | 157.0 | 13.2 | 7.8 | 73.5 | 231.7 |
| March | 117.4 | 156.4 | 13.5 | 8.0 | 73.3 | 231.9 |
| April | 117.1 | 156.0 | 13.8 | 8.1 | 73.1 | 232.1 |
| May | 116.8 | 155.7 | 14.0 | 8.3 | 73.1 | 232.3 |
| June | 116.7 | 155.5 | 14.2 | 8.4 | 73.0 | 232.4 |
| July | 116.4 | 155.1 | 14.3 | 8.5 | 72.8 | 232.8 |
| August | 116.0 | 154.3 | 14.4 | 8.5 | 72.4 | 233.2 |
| September | 115.5 | 153.4 | 14.4 | 8.6 | 71.9 | 233.6 |
| October | 114.8 | 152.6 | 14.4 | 8.6 | 71.4 | 233.7 |
| November | 114.5 | 152.3 | 14.2 | 8.5 | 71.2 | 233.9 |
| December | 114.7 | 152.7 | 13.8 | 8.3 | 71.1 | 234.1 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| January | 115.4 | 153.7 | 13.3 | 7.9 | 71.3 | 234.3 |
| February | 116.5 | 155.0 | 12.7 | 7.6 | 71.5 | 234.5 |
| March | 117.6 | 156.4 | 12.1 | 7.2 | 71.8 | 234.7 |
| April | 118.7 | 157.9 | 11.6 | 6.8 | 72.2 | 234.7 |

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised estimates for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

2 The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

3 The ABS has introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey. Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for 8 months, with one eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview will continue to be conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews will then be conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). Telephone interviewing was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997.

4 During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect peaked in November 1996, when it is estimated that the published estimate of total employment was about 36,000 to 48,000 lower than would have been measured under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

SCOPE OF SURVEY

5 The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

COVERAGE

6 In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

POPULATION BENCHMARKS

7 Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1994, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1989 to January 1994.

REVISION OF SERIES

8 From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

9 The Labour Force Survey sample was redesigned and reselected using information collected in the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. The new sample was phased in over the period September to December 1992. For details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (6269.0).

10 For the most part, one quarter of the new sample was introduced each month so that, by December 1992, the entire new sample was in place. Replacement generally occurred at the rotation group level with two groups being substituted each month. Such a pattern of implementation meant that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the four months rather than being concentrated in one inter-month period.

11 This phase-in scheme applied to the private dwelling sample in urban areas. The new sample for non-private dwellings and private dwellings in rural areas was introduced in a single stage in November 1992.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

12 Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

Sampling error occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 30 and 31. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Non sampling error arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND
TREND ESTIMATION

13 Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. Information about the method of adjustment and revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for all months from January 1995 were published in a feature article in the February 1997 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

14 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

Employment: 5 in 10 monthly movements
Unemployment: 7 in 10 monthly movements
Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements
Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND
TREND ESTIMATION (continued)

15 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in Tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

16 While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

17 Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in Table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in Table 19. Unadjusted series for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

18 For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

19 Users may also wish to refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available from ABS Bookshops.

20 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

21 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Donna Maurer on 06 252 6525 or to any ABS office.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

22 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

23 Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes in 6203.0 for more details.
- .. not applicable
- r revised
- pts percentage points

GLOSSARY

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Actively looking for work | Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives. |
| Attending school | Persons aged 15 to 19 enrolled full time at secondary or high schools in the reference week. |
| Attending tertiary educational institution full time | Persons aged 15 to 24 enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week. |
| Employed | Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or ■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or ■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ on paid leave, on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week, ■ stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week, ■ on strike or locked out, ■ on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job, or ■ receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or ■ were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work. |
| Full-time workers | Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week |
| Labour force | For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined. |
| Labour force status | A classification of the civilian population aged 15 and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians. |
| Not in the labour force | Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined. |
| Participation rate | For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group. |
| Part-time workers | Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week. |
| Seasonally adjusted series | A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Note 11 to 12 for more detail. |
| Trend series | A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 13 to 15 for more detail. |

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| Unemployed | Persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week), or ■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or ■ were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown. |
| Unemployed looking for first full-time job | Unemployed persons looking for full-time work (as defined above) who had never worked full time for two weeks or more |
| Unemployed looking for full-time work | Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work, or were to resume a full-time job from which they had been stood down. |
| Unemployed looking for part-time work | Unemployed persons who had actively looked for part-time work only, or were to resume a part-time job from which they had been stood down. |
| Unemployment rate | For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. |
| Unemployment to population ratio | For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group. |

STANDARD ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 500,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 9,000. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 500,000. For instance, the standard error of 9,000 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 491,000 to 509,000 (500,000 + or - 9,000)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 482,000 to 518,000 (500,000 + or - 18,000)

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

| | EMPLOYED..... | | | UNEMPLOYED..... | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Employed part time | Total employed | Unemp. looking for f/t work | Unemp. looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Labour force | Not in labour force | Unemp- loyment rate | Partic- ipation rate |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | pts | pts |
| NSW | 14.6 | 9.8 | 16.0 | 6.1 | 3.7 | 6.7 | 16.5 | 13.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Vic. | 12.1 | 8.4 | 13.3 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 13.8 | 11.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Qld | 9.3 | 6.5 | 10.4 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 10.8 | 8.8 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| SA | 5.1 | 3.7 | 5.7 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| WA | 6.3 | 4.4 | 7.0 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 7.2 | 5.7 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Tas. | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| NT | 2.0 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 1.8 |
| ACT | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Males | 19.8 | 9.5 | 20.7 | 8.2 | 3.8 | 8.7 | 21.4 | 15.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Females | 15.4 | 14.0 | 18.9 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 7.7 | 19.5 | 18.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Persons | 22.7 | 15.7 | 25.0 | 9.8 | 5.8 | 10.8 | 25.8 | 21.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

| | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... | | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE..... | | | | |
|---------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Aged 15-19 seeking first f/t job | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemployed | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total unemp- loyed |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | pts | pts | pts | pts | pts |
| NSW | 2.4 | 2.8 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 3.7 | 6.7 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Vic. | 1.8 | 2.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Qld | 1.3 | 1.8 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| SA | 0.9 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 4.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| WA | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| Tas. | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| NT | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 9.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.7 |
| ACT | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Males | 2.7 | 3.4 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 3.8 | 8.7 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Females | 2.4 | 2.9 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 7.7 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Persons | 3.5 | 4.3 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 5.8 | 10.8 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |

MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,387,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,400,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 10,500. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 13,000. For instance, the standard error of 10,500 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two month period falls within the range 2,500 to 23,500 (13,000 + or - 10,500)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -8,000 to 34,000 (13,000 + or - 21,000).

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

| | EMPLOYED..... | | | UNEMPLOYED..... | | | | | | |
|---------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|---------|------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Employed | Employed | Total | Unemp. | Unemp. | Total | Labour | Not in | Unemp- | Partic- |
| | full time | part time | employed | looking | looking | unemployed | force | labour | loyment | ipation |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | pts | pts |
| NSW | 11.4 | 7.4 | 12.6 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 13.0 | 10.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Vic. | 8.7 | 6.0 | 9.8 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 10.1 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Qld | 6.4 | 4.5 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| SA | 3.5 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| WA | 4.5 | 3.2 | 5.1 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Tas. | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| NT | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| ACT | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Males | 15.1 | 7.2 | 15.8 | 6.4 | 3.2 | 6.7 | 16.4 | 11.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Females | 11.5 | 10.5 | 14.3 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 14.8 | 13.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Persons | 17.5 | 11.8 | 19.6 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 20.3 | 16.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

| | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... | | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE..... | | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|------------|------------------------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| | Aged | Aged | Aged 20 | Total | Looking | Total | Aged | Aged 20 | Total | Looking | Total |
| | 15-19 | 15-19 | and over | looking | for p/t | unemployed | 15-19 | and over | looking | for p/t | unemp- |
| | seeking | looking | looking | for f/t | work | | looking | looking | for f/t | work | loyed |
| | f/t job | work | work | work | | | work | work | work | | |
| | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | '000s | pts | pts | pts | pts | pts |
| NSW | 2.0 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Vic. | 1.5 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Qld | 1.3 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| SA | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| WA | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Tas. | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| NT | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 6.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.5 |
| ACT | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| Males | 2.5 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 3.2 | 6.7 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Females | 2.2 | 2.6 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Persons | 3.0 | 3.6 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 13 and 14 of Explanatory Notes).

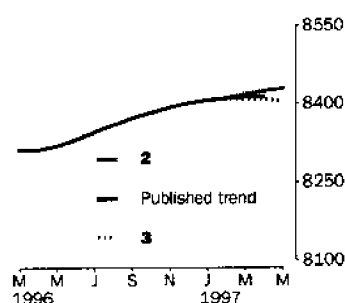
TREND REVISIONS

The examples in the tables below show four illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and unemployment rate.

- 1** The May seasonally adjusted estimate is the same as the April estimate.
- 2** The May seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the April estimate by:
 - +0.33% for employment
 - +2.2% for the unemployment rate
- 3** The May seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the April estimate by:
 - -0.33% for employment
 - -2.2% for the unemployment rate
- 4** The May seasonally adjusted estimate results in a revised April trend estimate which is identical to the new May trend estimate.

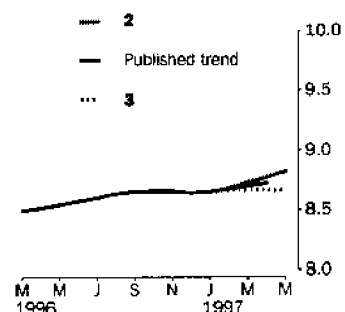
The percentage changes of 0.33% and 2.2% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

EMPLOYMENT ('000)



| | | WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS: | | | |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | 8 421.1 <i>i.e. the same as Apr 1997</i> | 8 448.9 <i>i.e. rises by 0.33%</i> | 8 393.4 <i>i.e. falls by 0.33%</i> | 8 411.5 <i>i.e. same trend for Apr & May</i> |
| | TREND as PUBLISHED | | | | |
| 1997 | February | 8 409.8 | 8 409.9 | 8 411.1 | 8 408.6 |
| | March | 8 412.6 | 8 412.4 | 8 416.5 | 8 408.3 |
| | April | 8 413.0 | 8 414.3 | 8 422.1 | 8 406.6 |
| | May (new) | — | 8 415.7 | 8 427.4 | 8 404.0 |
| | | | | 8 411.6 | 8 411.6 |

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



| | | WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS: | | | |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | 8.7 <i>i.e. the same as Apr 1997</i> | 8.9 <i>i.e. rises by 2.2%</i> | 8.5 <i>i.e. falls by 2.2%</i> | 8.6 <i>i.e. same trend for Apr & May</i> |
| | TREND as PUBLISHED | | | | |
| 1997 | February | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 |
| | March | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 |
| | April | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.7 |
| | May (new) | — | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.7 |
| | | | | 8.7 | 8.7 |

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